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Chancellor warns of inflation rise to over 6 per cent next year

Lawson's extra £2bn for NHS

- **The Chancellor of the Exchequer surprised MPs yesterday when he announced public spending increases far in excess of what was expected**
- **The National Health Service is to get an extra *£2 billion* next year, the biggest increase ever and more than Labour had said it would provide**
- **Mr Lawson admitted that some Budget forecasts were wrong, with inflation 2 per cent higher and the trade deficit £9 billion more than predicted**
- **Mr Gordon Brown, for Labour, condemned the statement as a set of measures that compounded rather than corrected the errors of the Budget**

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson surprised MPs and the City yesterday by announcing generous public spending increases for 1989-90, including an extra £2 billion for the National Health Service, the biggest increase it has yet received.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said the total would not rise above the £167 billion planning limit set last January, but he admitted several divergences from his Budget forecasts.

He said then that inflation *would be 4 per cent in the last* quarter of this year — now it will be more than 6 per cent into the middle of next year. He predicted then a trade deficit of £4 billion. Now he has admitted that it will be £13 billion this year and £11 billion in 1989-90. Mr Lawson said in his autumn statement that public expenditure for 1988-89 would be £3.25 billion less than originally allowed for.

The shortfall was accounted for by £1 billion gained in privatization proceeds, a reduction in social security benefit handouts of about £1 billion thanks to lower unemployment and a saving of £750,000 on receipts from council house sales.

The result, Mr Lawson announced to Conservative Party cheers, was that total public spending in Britain this year, even if privatization sales were excluded, would be less than 40 per cent of national income for the first time in more than 20 years.

Since 1982-83, public expenditure had fallen as a share of national income by 7 per cent, the most sustained drop since the wartime economy was unwound.

The announcement that spending for 1989-90 is to be contained at the level planned last January when most observers in politics and the City had been expecting an increase of £2-3 billion is accounted for not only by the rigorous paring exercise conducted by Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, for whom the figures mark a personal triumph, but also by the fact that lower unemployment will continue to cut social security spending. In addition, revenue from council house sales will continue buoyant.

The planning totals for 1990-91 and for 1991-92 have been revised upwards to £179.5 billion and £191.5 billion, although those include increases from £3.5 billion to £7 billion and £10.5 billion in the contingency reserves.

It is the first time in three years that the Government has not exceeded its original planning figures, and the package won Mr Lawson and Mr Major a desk-thumping reception from Tory MPs when they attended a meeting of the backbench finance committee *last night*. The increases announced by Mr Lawson, in spite of what he called a "rigorous reassessment of priorities", include more than £2 billion in extra funding for the NHS in 1989-90, with £2.5 billion the year after.

Health authorities are also expected to gain £100 million from land sales and £300 million from a change in pension arrangements.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, said the boost in health spending was "quite spectacular".

The figures represent a political coup. They are more than even Labour had promised.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, has won a switch in priorities, with an extra £220 million being provided for building and repairing motorways and trunk roads and strengthening bridges next year. A further £250 million will be allocated for that purpose in 1990-91. Total spending on such infrastructure will be £3 billion over the next three years. Capital spending on roads has increased by 50 per cent in real terms over the past 10 years.

Law and order was another area singled out by the Chancellor. The Home Office budget will increase by £290 million next year and £430 million the year after, with the creation of another 3,000 prison places and 1,100 police recruits.

Defence will receive another £150 million in 1989-90 and £500 million the year after.

The Department of Education's science budget is to be increased by 16 per cent, the biggest increase since the Conservative Government took office.

The social security budget will increase by £46.7 million next year and by more than £51 million the year after, although lower unemployment is expected to reduce spending by £1.5 billion in each of those years. The increases reflect substantial gains planned for the disabled. Mr Lawson told MPs that the increases represented an overall increase of £2.25 billion in public sector capital spending.

On national insurance contributions, the Chancellor announced a rise in the lower earnings limit to £43 a week and in the upper earnings limit to £325 a week. Though the Treasury supplement to the National Insurance Fund, *already reduced from 18 per* cent to 5 per cent under this government, is now to be

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THE MAIN POINTS

- Public spending: Estimated £153.5 billion 1988-89, £3.25 billion below previous estimate. 1989-90 — £167 billion. 1990-91 — *£179.5 billion. 1991-92* — £191.5 billion.
- Health: £2 billion more than planned increase in 1989-90.
- Roads: extra £220 million.
- Housing: Up £440 million next year.
- Law and order: Up £290 million.
- Defence: Up £150 million next year, £600 million in 1990-91.
- National Insurance: Lower earnings limit up to £43 a week, upper limit to £325 a week.
- Social security: Marginally reduced 1989-90 due to unemployment fall, rises £1.7 billion in 1990-91.
- Education, science: Up by £865 million.
- Growth: Estimated 4.5 per cent this year.
- Inflation: Just over 6 per cent last quarter of this year, peaking middle of next year, falling back to 5 per cent.
- Current account deficit: About £13 billion this year.
- Public sector debt repayment: Estimate £10 billion this year *(forecast was £3 billion)*.
- Growth: Expected slowdown to 3 per cent next year, current account deficit down to about £11 billion.

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Health rebels take the hint

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The announcement by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, of an extra £2 billion for the health service was sufficent to deter several MPs from joining a revolt last night against charges for dental and eye examinations.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, had urged MPs to back the charges, arguing that the health service could make good use of the revenue.

As the Government braced itself for one of the biggest backbench rebellions of recent years, Mr Clarke told MPs to reinstate in the Health and Medicines Bill the clauses thrown out by the Lords which would bring in the charges.

He warned that if the Government were defeated the £135 million the charges would bring in would have to be found from elsewhere in the health service budget.

Pointing out that the debate was taking place against the background of the "dramatic" rise in spending on the health service announced earlier by Mr Lawson, Mr Clarke said this should not encourage MPs to relax the search for extra revenue.

Mr Clarke said it was no good expecting the Government to reopen the public spending discussions if it was defeated on this issue.

"That is not on. You cannot run a whelk stall that way, let alone a Government," he said.

Throuhgout his long discussions with Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, both of them had felt the health service could make good use of the money.

Mr Clarke denied the charges would deter people from going for examinations.

I said 'how about a nice EYE test for Christmas?'
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Long-term caution

Squeeze on consumers

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson gave notice of a sharp squeeze on consumers and a period of slower growth in the economy in his autumn statement yesterday.

Consumer spending, which has been growing at more than 5 per cent this year, will slow to about 1 per cent later next year and interest rates are likely to stay high for some time.

The Chancellor said that inflation would rise above 6 per cent. The trade deficit of £13 billion this year would be proportionately as high as that of the United States.

Mr Lawson made clear that he expects investment and exports to take up some of the slack left by lower consumer spending. However, growth overall will fall from about 4.5 per cent this year to 3 per cent next year. By the second half of next year, it will have fallen to 2.5 per cent.

Lower growth will be combined with a temporary rise in inflation and a big balance of payments deficit. Inflation is expected to rise to a little more than 6 per cent in the final quarter of this year and will continue to edge up, reaching a peak in the middle of next year. By the final quarter of next year, it should be down to 5 per cent, in line with City expectations.

The big balance of payments deficit to persist for some time. With consumer spending growing much more slowly and growth in imports decelerating, the deficit is expected to fall to about £11 billion, or 2.25 per cent of the economy, next year.

However, public finances remain very strong and spending in the present year is expected to be £3.25 billion below the planned level, putting the total below 40 per cent

Investors own Clowes yacht

Boukephalas, the luxury yacht that Mr Peter Clowes used as a home base in Gibraltar, belongs to the investors of Barlow Clowes International, Gibraltar supreme court declared yesterday.

The vessel was owned by Charteley Marine, a company linked to Mr Clowes which tried to block its sale

The court order was obtained by Marrache & Co, the solicitor acting for the receiver. Mr Clowes objected to the yacht being sold for less than the $2.5 million he paid for it.

Title fight on

Tonight's world title fight at the Elephant and Castle, London, between Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, and Jim McDonnell will go ahead........................Page 48

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£2m council house racket in Brent

By Howard Foster

Scotland Yard may be called in to investigate a scandal involving an illicit, international trade in council house tenancies in north London which is believed to have earned the organizers up to £2 million.

Students from Nigeria are among those who have "bought" tenancies in Brent for between £400 and £600, bypassing the 16,000 people *on the waiting list*.

The organizers of the racket are said even to offer package deals with the keys to flats in Brent, including airline tickets at a discount.

Yesterday, Brent council housing staff were organizing a complete check on its 21,000 council tenants. The council's audit division will decide within the next few days whether to ask police to investigate.

Those behind the tenancy transfers have remained undetected for so long because the council rarely checks on the identity of its tenants.

The system worked simply through a series of advertisements placed in shop windows; invited tenants who were considering leaving to contact someone who would offer them between £150 and £200 for the keys to the property.

The keys were then sold on to anyone prepared to pay up to £600 for the tenancy.

The new inhabitant would then adopt the name of the old one if it ever became necessary to contact the council.

One such advertisement invited outgoing tenants to contact a Mr James Jones who used an innocent accommodation address service in Hammersmith for messages.

A spokeswoman for the

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Israeli poll clouded by new raids

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Israel's 2.8 million voters went to the polls yesterday against a background of continuing violence.

During the day Israeli planes launched another deadly attack on two refugee camps near Sidon, while Arabs ambushed a Likud Party campaign car travelling through east Jerusalem.

A woman in the car was seriously hurt and two male passengers were slightly injured.

The air raids hit known strongholds of the PLO in retaliation for Sunday's petrol bombing of a bus near Jericho in which an Israeli mother and her three children were killed.

Homes of the families of those who confessed to being involved in the Jericho attack have already been blown up or levelled by bulldozers.

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Thatcher's tough queries for Poles

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

Within hours of arriving here today, Mrs Thatcher will come face-to-face with those who wish to convert Poland's ailing economy into a "model of Thatcherism".

The meeting will mark the start of a propaganda campaign which will continue throughout the Prime Minister's three-day visit.

For an hour this evening, she will meet the "Polish *Thatcherites", who seek to* introduce some private enterprise into Poland's over-centralized economy.

They will try to convince Mrs Thatcher that market forces are just around the corner in Poland, but she is not likely to be convinced.

Most Poles expect Mrs Thatcher to express clearly her disappointment in the Polish Government's failure to come to terms with the opposition, and in particular its torpedoing of round-table talks by announcing the closure of the Lenin Shipyard.

While the "Polish Thatcherites" try to convince Mrs Thatcher that the closure was "purely an economic measure", she will ask a number of questions which are likely to embarrass the authorities.

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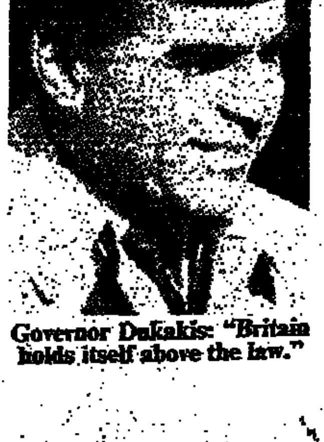
- **Wearside plea:** Campaigners fighting to prevent the closure of the North East Shipbuilders yard on the River Wear in Sunderland yesterday contacted Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, to enlist his support (Peter Davenport writes).

In response, Mr Walesa promised to make representations on their behalf to the Prime Minister when he meets her in Gdansk on Friday.

Storm over Dukakis attack on Ulster justice


Governor Dukakis: "Britain holds itself above the law."

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential candidate, sparked a major political row last night in Britain *after claiming that the legal system in* Northern Ireland was unfair and "inconsistent with the basic principles of justice".

In a thinly veiled threat, he suggested that if he became President he would encourage US federal judges not to extradite IRA suspects to Northern Ireland if it meant that they would stand trial in Diplock courts.

Mr Dukakis also claimed in an interview in the *Irish Echo* that the British Government "holds itself above *the law" in Northern Ireland*.

He urged Mrs Thatcher to "prosecute those in the security forces who take the law into their own hands in circumstances that suggest a policy of shoot to kill".

The Governor's interview has been *strongly condemned by Conservative* MPs as "outrageous" and "ignorant".

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Mr Ivor Stanbrook, chairman of the Conservative backbench committee on Northern Ireland, said: "His ideas reflect a distorted view of what is hapening in Northern Ireland. He has sunk so low as he is desperate to get any votes he can, *even the votes of those most bigoted in* the American-Irish community. I welcome the fact that he will not become the American President."

Mr Ian Gow, a former Northern Ireland minister, said that Governor Dukakis's views would encourage the IRA and "will make it easier to raise funds for the terrorist cause in the US … He is a victim of IRA propaganda."

Mr Dukakis has previously denounced British policy in Northern Ireland. In a speech during the New York primary he also condemned what he called the "unfair legal system" in the province and demanded the introduction of "fair employment laws" in Northern Ireland — seemingly not realizing that such laws already exist.

However, it is the first time during the presidential campaign that the Governor has intervened on Northern Ireland.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

200,000 pupils hit by teachers' strike

More than 200,000 children missed school in Scotland yesterday as teachers went on strike in protest at the Government's proposed education reforms. The disruption, called by the Educational Institute of Scotland, the largest teaching union, meant that some schools remained partially open, others closed completely and a few worked normally.

The EIS said more than 70 per cent of its members joined the day of action and up to 7,000 took part in rallies in Edinburgh organized as a protest against proposals that include the introduction of school boards and regular testing of primary school children. Mr Jim Martin, the union's general secretary, said the next education Bill would be designed to dismantle the comprehensive system through the opting out proposal — a move strongly hinted at by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Labour ban censured

The Labour Party and the TUC were criticized yesterday for boycotting the Government's Employment Training programme by the head of an organization which trains young adults of Afro-Caribbean and Asian descent. Mr Linbert Spencer, chief executive of Project Fullemploy, said the ban would be counter-productive. "I wish they had agreed to work with the programme to improve it. Working together, we would have stood a better chance of creating an effective training programme supporting those without jobs in finding employers without staff."

Work restrictions go

Women are to be allowed to work down mines and all restrictions on young people's hours of work are to be lifted, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday. He said that the Government would legislate to reduce sex discrimination in employment and "outdated" restrictions on the employment of young people. In a parliamentary written answer, Mr Fowler said that his department had examined existing legislation for unnecessary requirements involving sex discrimination. "These will be removed."

Jury sent to hotel

A Central Criminal Court jury in the case of a solicitor and an estate agent negotiator accused of conspiracy was sent to a London hotel last night after failing to reach a verdict after six hours' deliberation. Mr Miles Saward, of Fern Park Road, Finsbury Park, and Mr Roger Bronkhurst, a solicitor, of Rokesly Avenue, Hornchurch, both north London, deny conspiring to procure the execution of valuable securities between 1983 and 1986. The jury returns this morning to continue its deliberations.

Haughey discharged

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, was discharged from hospital yesterday after suffering from a severe respiratory infection. However, he is unlikely to play an active part in government for another month. Mr Haughey was admitted to the Mater hospital on October 14 after experiencing breathing difficulties at his home in Kinsealy, Co Dublin. He had only left the hospital a few hours before. He had been at the hospital on his third visit that week for a long-running kidney stones problem.

Vauxhalls recalled

Vauxhall is recalling more than 170,000 cars after discovering a fault in the braking system. Brake checks are to be carried out by dealers free of charge on all Nova, Astra, Belmont and Cavalier models built between December 1987 and September this year. Engineers have identified a fault with the brake pressure proportioning valve which can become separated from the brake master cylinder mounted in the engine compartment.

UDA members jailed for transporting arms

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Three members of the Ulster Defence Association received long prison sentences in Belfast yesterday for their part in transporting a huge arsenal of weapons for the "loyalist" paramilitary group.

David Payne, aged 40, was sentenced to 19 years, James McCullough, aged 56, and Thomas Aiken, aged 31, were jailed for 14 years each.

The case against the three took a turn when Payne said he had been set up by two UDA leaders who wanted him out of the way because he had discovered their involvement in the murder last December by the IRA of Mr John McMichael, the UDA's deputy commander.

● Michael Stone, accused of murdering three people during the funeral for the IRA trio shot by the SAS in Gibraltar, was committed for trial yesterday in Belfast.

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Railway board abolishes pay bargaining

By Roland Rudd
Employment Affairs Reporter

The British Railways Board became the first big public sector coporation unilaterally to abolish national pay bargaining when it yesterday announced changes in its agreement with the rail unions.

In a meeting with the unions, management gave notice that it was planning to end centralized pay bargaining and split the industry into five sections, paving the way to privatization.

The move to terminate national bargaining, enshrined in the Railway Act 1921, signals a fundamental change in the industry, which is to be run as a group of businesses and production departments with new contractual responsibilities. From the end of 1989 most issues will be dealt with by managers talking to locally elected staff representatives.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, criticized the move as "recipe for chaos" and said he would call for a meeting of all the rail unions to organize an effective campaign of opposition to the changes.

"British Rail is trying to turn the clock back to the pre-1920s because ideological dogma is now more important to management than organized collective bargaining.

"I am firing the first warning shot that we are determined to defend the existing pay structure with all our means."

Mr Neil Milligan, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fireman, said the changes were "a desperate move backwards" which could lead to different rates of pay throughout the country.

Both leaders are threatening to ballot their members on industrial action if the board does not change its proposals. The Transport Salaried Staffs' Association is expected to take similar action.

In February this year the board set out proposals to give more authority to local production managers to streamline procedures for handling collective and individual issues.

Although the unions feared the proposals would lead to further moves to weaken collective pay bargaining, the speed with which yesterday's changes were released to the Press took the union leaders by surprise.

The five new units will be split across operations, civil engineering, signals and telecommunications, mechanical and business and finance and personnel. A small corporate personnel unit at the board will be responsible for overall advice.

There will still be provision for discussion between the area manager and full-time trade union officers to help resolve problems but in the main most issues will be dealt with on a local basis.

Senior union officials fear that changes will lead to regional and merit pay. They believe management is determined to break the unions' centalized power before the industry is privatized.

A board spokesman said: "We felt that individual and local issues were often not dealt with quickly enough in the competitive climate in which the railway operates. We needed to change with the market."

The board is required by the present agreement to give 12 months' notice before ending the existing arrangements, which it did at a special meeting with the trade unions yesterday. It will use the intervening period to reach new procedural agreements with the unions and to train the personnel managers who will operate them.

Hopes are high of tracing education leak, say insiders

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Radical changes in the funding of higher education involving the introduction of vouchers and the charging of tuition fees remain on the political agenda, Mr Kenneth Baker said yesterday as he gave his first detailed response to the leaking of confidential ministerial papers advocating the drastic shake-up.

The Secretary of State for Education and Science said there would be an inquiry into how the papers by Mr Robert Jackson, the Under-Secretary for Education and Science who is responsible for higher education, and a Treasury letter came to be passed to the Labour Party. Mr Baker said he deplored the actions of whoever was responsible for the disclosure.

Describing himself as more leaked against than leaking, the Secretary of State said that the affair was important because "one always requires in government a degree of discretion and privacy in the discussion of policy".

Meanwhile, insiders were expressing some optimism that the Cabinet Office team of mole-hunters might this time identify the culprit.

Unlike the four other leaks this year, which have so far gone unexplained, Mr Jackson's two papers for a meeting of education ministers in July apparently had only limited circulation in Whitehall, so narrowing the field of inquiry.

Mr Baker said: "These were discussion documents prompted by the debate which is now going on in higher education about future funding policies for higher education institutions.

"I want this debate to mature and develop. Were there to be changes of this sort we would not reach a particular view and follow up with concrete action without very full consultation with the funding councils and with the leaders of the universities, polytechnics and colleges."

Vouchers worth up to £7,500 and fees of £500 are being proposed by Mr Jackson as a way of injecting extra cash into the higher education sector and of admitting more students.

Announcing level funding for universities over the next three years but a 9 per cent boost for polytechnics and colleges next year, Mr Baker made it clear he was sympathetic to this approach.

"It's a very important debate. We do spend in this country a higher proportion of our gross domestic product on higher education than any country in Europe, yet we have one of the lowest rates of access to higher education in Europe."

The Secretary of State also reminded reporters that he had recently set up a small departmental think-tank under Mr Richard Bird, a senior official, to advise him on higher education policy.

Its initial remit covers consideration of a voucher scheme, improving access to further and higher education, and separate funding of university teaching and research.

Meanwhile, Tory MPs close to Mr Baker said he believed that the most annoying aspect of the leak was the way it created an "atmosphere of mistrust" within the department, with ministers feeling "inhibited" about committing their thoughts to paper and holding frank discussions about sensitive issues.

Loans for students, page 5

Italians control TV channel

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Super Channel, the British-based European satellite television channel officially launched in January 1987 by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, yesterday came under the control of an Italian media group.

After weeks of negotiations aimed at saving the heavy loss-making concern, Videomusic, the Italian rock music television station, took a 55 per cent shareholding and agreed to take on liabilities of around £8 million.

Mr Richard Branson's Virgin group will retain its 45 per cent share in the company.

Super Channel, which was launched with the idea of providing the "best of British" to a pan-European audience, has accumulated losses of £60 million in the 21 months of its existence. Its programmes are distributed via cable into 13 million European homes, mostly outside Britain.

Videomusic, owned by Betatelevision, has bought shares from independent companies who helped set up the satellite venture, including TVS, Yorkshire and Anglia who are the remaining major shareholders.

Independent Television News, which supplies a service to Super Channel for £1.9 million a year, is likely to benefit from the change. It provides four 15-minute bulletins a day and may be asked to provide more news at peak times as well as summaries.

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Welsh celebration

The Queen talking to the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster, before the service in Westminster Abbey.

History came full circle yesterday when the Queen joined 1,500 of her Welsh subjects in Westminster Abbey for a bilingual service to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into their native tongue.

It was Queen Elizabeth I who legislated that the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer be translated and used in Welsh in every parish where Welsh was spoken.

Eight hundred copies of that first translated Bible — a small, folio-sized book — were printed in 1588 and orders given by the Privy Council that every parish church in Wales should contain one copy by Christmas.

Yesterday's service, attended by civic heads from all over Wales and by Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the former Prime Minister, also marked the publication on St David's Day this year of the Welsh New Bible, which took its panel of Welsh scholars 26 years to produce.

The Queen was presented with a facsimile copy of the 1588 Bible by Dr Brynley Roberts, librarian of the National Library of Wales.

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Nurses allege back pay cheating

By Jill Sherman
and Ian Smith

The Royal College of Nursing has accused the Government of cheating thousands of nurses out of eight months' back pay.

The college said yesterday that many sisters are being graded on the lower F grade and told to compete for the 3,500 new Grade G posts, at a salary of £1,500 higher, which will take effect in January. The claim came as two day hospitals on Tyneside closed and operations at two hospitals near by were cancelled because of a work-to-rule over the clinical grading dispute.

Earlier this week 12 nurses at the West London Hospital walked out and industrial action is planned at other London hospitals. Nupe and Cohse, two health service unions, predict that the action will spread as nurses are given their individual gradings.

Operations on 21 youngsters at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital have been cancelled because of theatre nurses' dissatisfaction over regrading proposals.

Four operating theatres at the hospital in Pendlebury will close for seven days from next Monday, forcing doctors to choose which essential operations must go ahead.

Mrs Val Burgoyne, local secretary of Cohse, said the nurses felt it would be unsafe to work overtime which would make them over-tired and endanger patients.

Across the country, some sisters in charge of wards have already been graded at G and will get back pay dating from last April, in line with all other nurses covered by the clinical grading review.

However, the Department of Health has advised that where two or more sisters are sharing responsibility they should compete for the new G posts in January which will not be backdated. They will instead get the lower back pay rate for the F scale.

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, accused the Government of deliberately introducing a new restructuring in January so that managers could avoid giving back pay. He said the Government would save at least £32,000 from the exercise.

Mr Clay said "insensitive management" was leaving many nurses "frustrated and dissatisfied" after this year's record 17.9 per cent award. He gave examples from hospitals in Cambridge and Birmingham of wards where every sister was being graded on the lower of two new grades.

"We think this is cheating sisters of £1,000 to £2,000 in back pay. *The spirit and the intention of the exercise was to reward sisters and charge nurses for the work they were doing on April 1 this year.*"

The college said that Birmingham was not an exception and it had taken more than 1,000 phone calls complaining of similar problems.

Bradford budget moves

Up to 80% rise in school meal prices

By Peter Davenport

School meal charges in Bradford are to go up next week, in some cases by almost 80 per cent, as the first of the economic measures introduced by the new Conservative council takes effect.

The increased charges will bring in an extra £480,000 in the current financial year and will result in £1.46 million extra income in a full year.

Last night the Labour opposition predicted that the numbers taking school meals would decline and many children would go through the day without a hot meal.

Mr Tony Cairns, deputy leader of the Labour group in the council, said: "This is bad news all round.

"Many parents will simply not be able to afford the increased charges.

"This is really hitting at the children, the most vulnerable members of society."

The city was the first local authority in England to serve school meals and the first in the UK to do so from a central, purpose-built kitchen. The service began on October 27, 1907.

Today it serves 41,650 meals a day in its schools: 14,000 are free, 24,000 paid for and the remaining 3,650 go to adults and staff.

Charges for meals are staggered according to age; children in first schools pay 45p a day, those in middle schools 55p and pupils in upper schools 60p. From next Monday they will all pay 80p a day.

Yesterday the Conservative group said the move would not affect children who received free meals.

Free meals are available to children whose parents are on income support. The group said that until the previous Labour authority set staggered charges last year, rates had been uniform.

Charges had been increased regularly by 5p between 1979 and 1984, when they were frozen. Conservative officials said the change amounted to adding on 5p for each year in which the charge had not been increased under Labour.

Yesterday Mr Eric Pickles, Conservative leader of the council, responded to a request by Nalgo, the local government union, for talks about plans to cut £5.8 million from the budget and shed about 2,500 jobs over five years.

"I am delighted they want to talk and get around the table. But we didn't go through 12 hours of hell at last week's meeting to renegotiate our measures. However we are prepared to negotiate their implementation and methods of compensation."

He said the first 400 jobs were due to go next March.

Mr Pickles said he believed the figure would be acheieved without compulsory redundancies.

Last night a spokesman for the Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Rev Robert Williamson, said a meeting was being arranged with Mr Pickles to discuss the likely impact of the economic measures.

The bishop has said the measures could cause "deep social divisions" in the city and is meeting leaders from all mainstream churches in Bradford on Friday to draw up a common front to combat the effects of the measures.

Former print men lose unfair dismissal claim

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Nearly 50 former print workers employed by the *Express & Star*, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, have lost their campaign to prove they were unfairly dismissed during a new technology dispute.

An industrial tribunal yesterday decided that Mr Mark Kersen, the newspaper's managing director, was fully entitled to describe the opposition by the National Graphical Association to new technology as being entrenched in "quaint old Spanish customs".

Yesterday, Mr Kersen said that the union, "behaving like King Canute", had sacrificed the jobs of its own members rather than face up to the reality of new technology and the threat posed by the newspaper's competitors.

He emphasized that during the negotiations over the introduction of the company's plans to introduce single-keying, involving the direct typesetting of copy by journalists, the company had offered "jobs for life" to the men who would be affected.

"Unfortunately for them, the NGA was not prepared to give up its demarcation or surrender its power."

Six union men, representing the 49 striking members who were dismissed in April 1985, had sought compensation after accusing *Express & Star* management of adopting "muscle" tactics and riding roughshod over traditional methods of negotiation.

The tribunal report says: "We find that there was adequate warning of dismissal, full consultations with the union, adequate information and offers of consultation with the affected men".

Tanker 'veered on and off the hard shoulder'

A tanker involved in a motorway crash which claimed 13 lives veered on and off the hard shoulder shortly before the accident, a court was told yesterday.

A witness said he overtook the vehicle to get out of its way after seeing its rear wheels stray twice on to the shoulder of the M61 in Lancashire.

Mr David Dawson, aged 25, the tanker driver, of Warwick Close, Bury, Greater Manchester, denies two specimen charges of causing death by reckless driving.

Mr John Chamberlain, of Mason Street, Horwich, Greater Manchester, told Preston Crown Court: "The back wheels jerked to one side, on to the hard shoulder, about twice. I thought I had better get out of his way just in case."

About a mile later, the tanker overtook him shortly before crashing into the rear of a tailback of stationary traffic, he said.

He saw smoke and a sheet of orange flame come from under the tanker.

The prosecution has alleged that Mr Dawson ignored a 30mph warning sign shortly before his vehicle ploughed into traffic waiting to join the M6, where roadworks were in progress.Six children were among those killed in the nine-vehicle pile-up and fire which followed.

The case continues today.

Govan by-election

Labour says poll shows 62% support

By Kerry Gill

The Labour Party yesterday published its canvass returns for the Govan by-election and claimed its candidate, Mr Bob Gillespie, was well ahead.

The result is a welcome boost to Labour, which claimed 62.3 per cent of the vote after a poll of more than 15,000 people in the constituency. According to the poll the Scottish National Party is trailing in second place with 20.6 per cent.

The poll, which covered 31 per cent of the Govan electorate, gives the Conservatives 10.9 per cent and the Democrats 4.1 per cent.

Labour's poll coincides with a System Three poll, published in the *Glasgow Herald* yesterday, which shows that Labour support in Scotland is now 45 per cent, compared to 47 per cent in September.

The results will be a comfort to the Labour Party, with the Tories stuck at 23 per cent and the SNP on 20 per cent. Labour's support has risen from 42 per cent at last year's general election.

Mr Donald Dewar, Labour spokesman on Scottish affairs, said: "On the basis of these returns, we can say confidently that our campaign has got off to a great start".

The SNP, now certain to take second place on November 10, claims its own returns show support at almost 30 per cent. Mr Jim Sillars, the SNP candidate, said the party had no intention of releasing the full results.

Yesterday Mr Sillars commented on Scotland's education dispute as thousands of teachers went on a one-day strike in protest against the Government's planned introduction of new education measures which, they say, will lead to the Anglicization of Scottish education.

"Mrs Thatcher knows only too well that our distinctive system is a major pillar of Scottish culture and values", Mr Sillars said. "So it comes as no surprise that she has chosen Scottish education for her next attack.

"If she destroys education, she extracts the marrow from the bones of the Scottish nation, leaving our values and our institutions brittle so she can break us at will."

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Mother, stepfather accused

Child was 'beaten so badly nurse could not tell her colour'

By David Sapsted

A girl aged three, who was allegedly beaten to death by her mother and stepfather, was so badly injured when she arrived at hospital that a nurse could not tell what colour she was, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Sarah Worthington died 10 minutes after being admitted to St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, in October last year. Her body was covered with 61 marks, bruises and scratches, the court was told.

She had a seven-inch fracture on her skull but "was *killed by a blow* to her stomach so hard that her duodenum ruptured against her back", Mr David Elfer, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Mrs Michelle Worthington, aged 22, the girl's mother, and Mr Stephen Thorpe, aged 23, with whom she lived, both of Clanfield, near Portsmouth, deny murder and charges of cruelty towards the girl.

Mr Thorpe, who the court was told had lived with Mrs Worthington for only three months before the child's death, also denied a charge of cruelty towards the child's stepbrother, Andrew, aged one.

The court was told that Andrew was covered in bruises so often that a cleaner at one of the properties where the couple lived had nicknamed him "Scarface".

Mr Elfer alleged that Mr Thorpe had once put Andrew in a bowl of scalding water for wetting himself.

Sarah had gone to live with the couple, after staying with relatives, a few weeks before she died, the court was told.

Mr Elfer alleged that during the two weeks before she died she was the victim of severe and frequent beatings which her mother and stepfather had tried to explain *in a string of* excuses made later to the police.

"Her injuries could not have been caused in the way described but by repeated and multiple blows to the head and body over a period of days", Mr Elfer said.

He said that 10 days before her death, she was seen with bruising to one eye and an injury to a cheek.

The next day her eye looked like "a golf ball". She was taken to a doctor who was told she had fallen off a bicycle.

Mr Elfer said that two days later she was seen to have two black eyes that were so puffed up that her nose was barely discernible.

Mr Elfer told the court that one explanation given was that the child was hyperactive and had fallen on bath taps. On October 6, a doctor who was called to the couple's home had sent her to hospital.

"Nothing but shock about the extent of this child's injuries was expressed by the nurse, the ambulance people and the doctors who had to treat her", Mr Elfer said.

"According to the staff nurse who received her, it was impossible to tell the colour of that three-and-a-half-year-old girl, so severe were the bruises and swelling on her."

Mr Elfer said that Mrs Worthington had told the police after Sarah's death that the child was never neglected or beaten but was in fact loved, looked after and spoilt.

He said the mother had told police officers that Mr Thorpe only met the child when she came home from her stay with relatives. She had claimed he had "only smacked Sarah *about the hand and* that was rarely".

Miss Jane Davies, a cleaner, told the court she had never seen Andrew's face clear of bruises and had given him the nickname, "Scarface".

She told the jury that Mr Thorpe had handled the boy roughly and had caused him to cry.

When Sarah came home, she was quiet and, like her stepbrother, did not seem to want to know adults, Miss Davies said.

She said that the couple were strict with the girl. When she wanted to play with her toys, she had to go into the communal hallway.

Miss Alison Lowe, of Sutherland Road, Portsmouth, said she had a room in one of the houses where Mrs Worthington and Mr Thorpe stayed last year.

She said she had seen the boy bruised extensively about the head and body. Mrs Worthington had explained the injuries by saying that Andrew had climbed on a cabinet to get at a fluffy doll and had been bruised after falling off.

Miss Lowe said Mr Thorpe would flick the child's forehead for fun so that the next day there would be a bruise.

She told that court she had been told that Sarah had seen the film, *Nightmare on Elm Street*, on videon film. She said Sarah had been warned often that if she did not go to sleep then Freddie, the child molester in the film, would come and get her.

The trial continues today.

Dancer scales new heights

The river Thames and Tower Bridge provide the backdrop for Scott Ambler, a member of the Extemporary Dance Theatre, to demonstrate his acrobatic agility and balletic skills in the company's aerial ballet, *Where The Moon Rises*, which had its premiere at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, west London, last night (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

'Surgery rape' teacher denies it was fantasy

By Michael Horsnell

A primary school teacher was so shocked when her physiotherapist allegedly raped her she could not scream and felt she was in a trance watching the assault take place.

She denied under cross-examination in the High Court in London yesterday that she had fantasized the whole incident three years ago at his surgery in Benfleet, Essex.

The teacher, now aged 25, is suing the physiotherapist, aged 47, for "trespass to the person" and seeking aggravated damages after a decision in 1986 by the Director of Public Prosecutions not to proceed with criminal action.

It is the first case in British legal history in which a civil claim for damages for rape has been launched when there has been no conviction in the criminal courts.

The teacher yesterday agreed with Mr Anthony Hidden QC, for the defendant, that in the statement of claim before the court she also alleged other acts of indecency which she had not reported to police at the time or for 12 months afterwards.

She denied inventing them but agreed that for a year she had forgotten them.

The first indecent assault allegedly happened at the physiotherapist's surgery on December 20, 1985, three days before the alleged rape occurred, and the second immediately after the rape.

Frequently in distress during her long cross-examination, she said: "I was in shock. I swear that when I saw the police after the rape I didn't remember the other incidents. They were out of my mind. That is the truth."

Asked whether she had difficulty in telling the difference between fact and fantasy, she vehemently denied it.

She agreed that in a statement to police on January 1, 1986, she had specifically said the physiotherapist had not committed an indecent act on December 20 but said she had failed to remember it.

She was asked why, if the incident had occurred, she had returned to the physiotherapist for a further session of treatment to an injured shoulder three days later.

She said: "I tried not to go back. I pretended I was ill. My father made me go back. If I had told him what had happened he would have gone back and killed him."

The plaintiff added: "It was about two years after it happened that it all came back to me. I wasn't in a dream when it came back. I told my solicitor about the other incidents. I swear it is not invented."

In a statement to police nearly three weeks after the rape she agreed that she had said: "Although I was physically aware I felt I was watching the whole thing".

She told Mr Hidden: "I was completely disgusted by it and I didn't know people did things like that and I didn't know the words for them. The police didn't ask me. It was so revolting that I didn't say it.

"At no time did I scream or shout. I had lost my voice. It would not come out.

"I felt I was dreaming or in a trance, it did not feel real. That is what I said at the time. I was describing how I felt because I could not move. I did feel as if I was watching the whole thing, but it was happening."

Under re-examination later by Mr John Melville Williams, QC, for the plaintiff, she admitted that in her diary she said that she resented her mother for making her so naive. She had been brought up never to talk openly about sexual matters.

The case continues today.

Police cleared of blame

Misadventure verdict on fatal arrest

By Craig Seton

An inquest jury yesterday returned a verdict of misadventure on Clinton McCurbin, aged 24, who was asphyxiated during a violent struggle with two policemen trying to arrest him.

The jury rejected a possible verdict that McCurbin had been killed unlawfully. It reached its decision unanimously after 3½ hours at the end of the seven-day inquest at Wolverhampton.

Immediately afterwards a solicitor for Mrs Esther McCurbin, the dead man's mother, said the family would consider going to the Divisional Court to have the misadventure verdict overturned.

Mrs McCurbin criticized the summing up by Mr Keith Swayne, the Wolverhampton coroner. She said: "Clinton did not have to die in the way that he did". No one in the police had expressed sorrow or remorse to her until after the inquest, she added.

The inquest had been told that McCurbin, from Bovey Court, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton, died in February last year during a struggle with PC Michael Hobday, aged 30, and PC Neil Thomas, aged 24.

McCurbin's death led to two days of rioting in Wolverhampton. The Director of Public Prosecutions decided there were no grounds for criminal action against the two officers and West Midlands police decided they should not be disciplined.

The policemen had been called to the Next fashion shop in the centre of Wolverhampton where McCurbin was trying to use a stolen credit card.

The inquest was told he put up a violent struggle and that he and the two officers fell to the floor where attempts were made to restrain him. Two pathologists said he died through compression of the neck which obstructed his airway.

But PC Hobday, who weighed more than 17 stone, denied that he had held McCurbin around the neck and said his restraining arm hold was around his head and chin.

The two officers attempted to resuscitate McCurbin in the shop, but he was found to be dead.

The coroner told the jury of seven women and three men there were three possible verdicts; misadventure, unlawful killing or an open verdict.

"In my view it would be unsafe and wrong even to find that the arresting officers misconducted themselves in any sense whatever. I consider a verdict of misadventure is appropriate, but it is a matter for you alone."

Mr Swayne said that to return a verdict of unlawful killing the jury would have to be satisfied there was a "very high degree of negligence or recklessness".

He reminded the jury that officers were making a lawful arrest and were allowed to use reasonable force.

After the verdict, Mr Geoffrey Dear, the West Midlands chief constable, said that he could not guarantee categorically that such a tragedy would not happen again.

His force would strive to do everything possible to ensure that all its officers underwent training in how to control violent people during arrest.

The force was ensuring that all 6,500 officers would have undergone new training procedures in restraint techniques by the new year.

Koo Stark sues newspaper

Koo Stark, the actress and photographer, told the High Court yesterday she was horrified at newspaper allegations that she had an adulterous affair with the Duke of York.

She said allegations in *The Sunday People* that she had deceived her husband, Mr Timothy Jefferies, the Green Shield stamp heir, to carry out clandestine meetings with the Duke were "dreadful lies".

Miss Stark said: "When I read the first article I was horrified. I was shocked. I did not know why they would want to write a story about me . . . I felt persecuted by them."

Miss Stark is seeking damages for two articles in *The Sunday People* in December 1985. Mr Desmond Browne, For Miss Stark, described them in court as a "Christmas present" to her from Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher.

Miss Stark, whose address was not disclosed, said she read the articles to mean, "I was having an affair with Prince Andrew and I was being adulterous to my husband". Mr Browne said the newspaper had made matters worse by refusing to apologize.

Miss Stark alleges the articles were a form of "blackmail" because she would not give an exclusive interview to the newspaper. She seeks damages from Mr Maxwell and Odhams Newspapers. The hearing continues today.

Portfolio —PLUS— *Accumulator*

Mr Cedric Palmer from Camberley, Surrey, was the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio prize of £4,000. Mr Palmer, aged 65, a retired electronics engineer, plans to put some of the money towards Christmas presents for his two grandchildren.

Mr Palmer, who used to read *The Guardian*, started taking *The Times* five years ago when the Portfolio competition was introduced.

Better use of air space urged

From Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor, Jerusalem

Money earmarked by the Civil Aviation Authority for investment over the next decade would not solve problems of congested air space unless Britain joined a fully integrated European system, Mr Edward McMillan-Scott, European Parliament tourism spokesman, said yesterday.

He was speaking on the opening day of the Association of British Travel Agents convention in Jerusalem, where aviation issues were dominant.

Mr John Cox, chairman of the Air Transport Users' Committee, said failure to meet the natural demand for air travel, particularly in Europe, would destroy all the efforts made in the past 10 years to open the skies to competition and provide services at airports that people wished to use and at prices they could reasonably afford.

He was not calling for a free-for-all but "a liberal environment with minimum regulations that allows companies to operate commercially".

The European Community was working "slowly and deliberately", Mr Cox said. "Each move opens the door wider. And 1992 should take the door off its hinges."

But unless more runways were built and air traffic control improved to meet the increased demand that competition would bring, "the flag carriers will regain the initiative, re-establish their cartel and rip off the passengers".

Mr Cox also called for the development of more scheduled services from regional airports now used mainly by charter flights. He said next summer must not be like the one just past, the hard-won benefits of European liberalization must not be thrown away by "government cop-outs".

The number of aircraft in service was forecast to increase by 50 per cent by the year 2000, yet the British Airport Authority and the Government maintained no extra runway capacity was needed in the South-east until the turn of the century.

"BAA's policy is due to its need to milk every drop of profit from its existing facilities for its shareholders, regardless of the public interest."

Delegates unanimously supported the call for speedy Government action on congested air space. Even Mr John Dunscombe, chairman of Abta's Travel Agents Council, who dismisses the Air Users' Council as "the CAA's deaf-aid to the consumer", agreed to back the call.

Maximizing the use of existing facilities was a persistent theme. Mr Charles Powell, of Air Europe, said Heathrow should be opened to charters when facilities were underutilized. There were also calls for the new north terminal at Gatwick to be opened to holidaymakers.

Sotheby's stands by Stubbs

Mr David Moore-Gwyn, director of the British paintings department at Sotheby's, told the High Court yesterday that the "obvious quality" of two paintings, attributed by his company to George Stubbs should have been apparent to the Surrey auctioneers who had valued them at between £30 and £50.

The two oils of foxhounds were sold at Sotheby's in March 1986 for £88,000, five months after they fetched £840 for their owner, Mrs Penelope Luxmoore-May.

Mrs Luxmoore-May, of Dunsfold, Surrey, is suing Messenger May Baverstock, the Guildford auctioneers, for the difference. They deny breach of duty and say the paintings are not by Stubbs.

Mr Moore-Gwyn told the court that Sotheby's was "fully satisfied" that they were Stubbs.

The case continues today.

Skegness warms to the delights of Prokofiev

By Andrew Morgan

Skegness, the bracing resort not readily linked with the high-brow, will next year experience an aesthetical upsurge with the arrival of the Philharmonia Orchestra. The concert forms part *of a set of* regional tours by London's four orchestras, announced yesterday.

The three-year programme, with joint sponsorship totalling £600,000 from the Arts Council and the Prudential Corporation, will centre on performances from the London Symphony Orchestra, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philharmonia and the Royal Philhamonic Orchestra. They will play 30 concerts a year in the series, spread through 19 towns and cities.

Middlesbrough, Carlisle and Hull, not overburdened with performances by London orchestras, will resound to programmes blending the established with the avant-garde. In its programme, the London Philharmonic will perform Mahler and a work by George Benjamin that he still has to finish.

But it is Skegness which will experience a quantum leap in talent when the Philharmonia, just back from Japan where seats cost £100 and one ovation lasted 43 minutes, arrives in Lincolnshire for a concert of Balakirev, Prokofiev and Stravinsky next October.

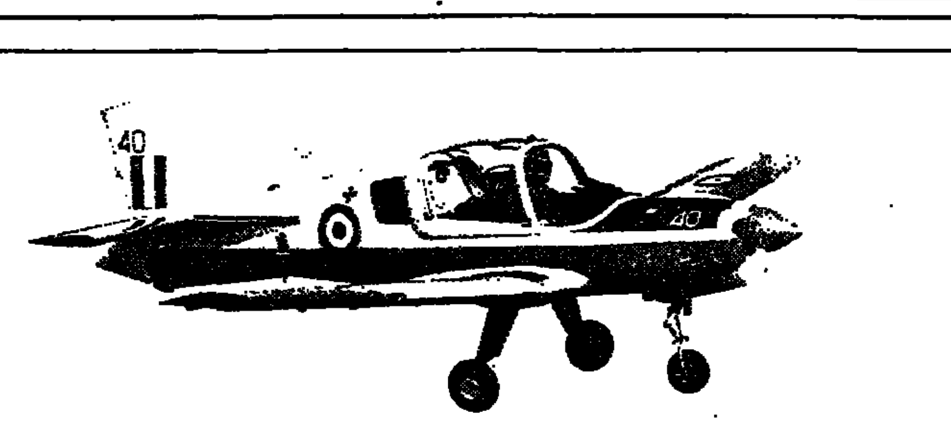
Mr Leslie Shepherd, director of leisure, agreed that the Embassy Centre usually puts on Danny La Rue or Freddie Starr but he was confident that the 1,068 seats would be filled, with people travelling up to 100 miles.

"Skegness has a music club but we could never finance an orchestra of this standing without subsidies. We are knocked out and it will be a great evening", he said.

Mr David Whelton, the orchestra's managing director, added: "There will be no compromise on the choice of music. We firmly believe the people of Skegness are just as discerning as those on the South Bank."

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, under Vladimir Ashkenazy, will perform in Liverpool next October for the first time in more than 25 years since the days of Sir Thomas Beecham.

The London Philharmonic, under Klaus Tennstedt, includes Middlesbrough and Hull in its itinerary and the London Symphony Orchestra will replace the snooker tables at the Hexagon in, Reading, as well as gracing the Warwick Arts Centre, in Coventry and halls in Sheffield and Nottingham.



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Tories cheer an upbeat Lawson

No other major economy had such sound finances, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the Commons when he made his autumn statement.

He said that for the first time in 20 years public expenditure this year would be less than 40 per cent of national income.

He was cheered by Conservative MPs when he said that public expenditure for 1989-90 would remain at the forecast £167 billion.

Mr Lawson said that for this financial year, 1988-89, the public expenditure planning total now looked likely to amount to £153.5 billion, or about £3.25 billion less than was allowed for in the last public expenditure White Paper.

In other words, only about £250 million of the £3.5 billion reserve he had provided for was likely to be needed.

"The main reasons for this shortfall were the extra £1 billion in privatization proceeds and the reduction of social security spending of almost £1 billion as a direct result of the sharper-than-expected fall in unemployment (loud Conservative cheers) and a saving of some £750 million, largely due to extra housing receipts under the right-to-buy programme.

"Taken together with the strong growth in the economy this year and the containment of debt interest now that the Budget is in surplus, this means that total public spending this year, even excluding privatization proceeds, will be less than 40 per cent of national income, the first time this has happened for over 20 years.

"Not so long ago, the share of national income spent by the state seemed to rise inexorably. Over the past six years, the trend has been decisively reversed."

Since 1982-83, public expenditure, including privatization proceeds, expressed as a share of national income, had fallen by 7 per cent, the largest and longest sustained fall since the wartime economy had been unwound.

Over the past decade, public expenditure had grown by less than 1.5 per cent a year in real terms. That was exactly half the rate at which it grew over the whole of the immediately proceding decade.

"Looking ahead, Cabinet agreed in July that public spending over the next three years should keep as close as possible to the existing planning totals and should continue to fall as a share of national income. The plans I am about to announce meet both those objectives.

"For 1989-90, the planning total published in the last public expenditure White Paper was £167 billion. It will remain at £167 billion (Conservative cheers).

"This important outcome has been made possible, despite the many claims for increased public spending, by a rigorous reassessment of priorieties, coupled with the continuation of two of the factors that have contributed to this year's shortfall: benefit savings from lower unemployment and increased receipts from council house sales.

"For 1990-91, however, though these two factors will persist, the planning total has been set at £179.5 billion, some £3.25 billion more than the previously published figure. For 1991-92, the planning total has been set at £191.5 billion.

"These totals include the same level of reserves as in last year's plans, that is to say, £3.5 billion in the first year, £7 billion in the second year and £10.5 billion in the third.

"They also incorporate an unchanged estimate of privatization proceeds of £5 billion a year.

"Over the three survey years as a whole, the real growth in spending on programmes will be over 3 per cent a year. This can be afforded only because of the fall in the burden of debt interest brought about by the dramatic improvement in the Government's finances from budget deficit to budget surplus.

"As a result, overall public spending, excluding privatization proceeds, will rise by less than 2 per cent a year, well within the prospective growth of the economy as a whole. In other words, total public spending, including privatization proceeds, will continue to decline as a proportion of national income.

"But, at the same time, substantial additional funds have been made available for the Government's most important public expenditure priorities."

His figures all represented increases over plans in the last public expenditure White Paper.

An extra £1.25 billion was being provided for the NHS in England in 1989-90 and an extra £1.5 billion the following year. There would be corresponding increases in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Health authorities, on top of that, were expected to receive an extra £100 million a year from sales of surplus land.

Continuing the rate of cost-improvement savings achieved in recent years would produce an extra £150 million in 1989-90 and an extra £300 million in the following year.

In addition, the Government was accepting the Government Actuary's recommendation, in a report today, that NHS employers' superannuation contributions in England and Wales should be reduced, which would save the health service a further £300 million a year.

In total, the increases for the NHS in the United Kingdom as a whole would be more than £2 billion in 1989-90 and more than £2.5 billion in 1990-91.

"These are by far the largest increases the health service has ever received. Comparing next year with this year, the increase in real resources for the NHS should amount to some 4.5 per cent."

On roads, he said that an extra £220 million was being provided next year to build and repair motorways and trunk roads, and for strengthening bridges, with a further £260 million the following year.

"Gross provision for public sector housing investment is being increased by around £440 million in 1989-90 and £340 million the following year. But thanks to the success of the Government's right-to-buy policy, this is more than financed by extra receipts.

An extra £290 million had been made available for law and order in 1989-90 and £430 million in 1990-91, principally for a further expansion in the prison building programme. This would provide a further 3,000 places by 1991-92. Provision for local authority spending on the police had been increased by £240 million.

"Defence spending is to be increased by £150 million in 1989-90 and £600 million in 1990-91. These significant increases are designed to provide a firm framework for the next three years within which our defence programme can be planned with confidence."

Lower unemployment had saved more than £1.5 billion on the massive social security budget in both 1989-90 and 1990-91, but substantial increases in planned spending on other benefits, particularly for the disabled, meant that the social security programme would be only marginally reduced in 1989-90 compared with previous plans, and some £1.7 billion higher in 1990-91.

On science and technology, the balance of public support had been altered within an increased total. In particular, provision for spending by the Department of Education and Science had been increased by £120 million a year, with the science budget up by 16 per cent in 1989-90. This reflected the importance the Government attached to basic and strategic research.

"The new plans imply an overall increase of £2.25 billion in public sector capital spending in 1989-90. This includes extra investment in hospitals, housing, prisons and roads. There is provision for higher investment by the nationalized industries, including further anti-pollution investment by the water authorities.

"That the Government has been able to strengthen its priority programmes within an unchanged planning total for 1989-90 is, in large measure, a reflection of the success of its policies. The improved performance of the economy has eased pressures on a number of programmes, giving the Government more scope than ever before to shift resources where its own priorities, rather than circumstances, dictate."

More details would be published in the printed autumn statement next week.

The Government had conducted the usual autumn review of contributions in the light of advice from the Government Actuary on the prospective income and expenditure of the National Insurance Fund, and taking account of the statement last week on benefits, by Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services.

"The lower earnings limit will be increased next April to £43 a week, in line with the single person's pension, and the upper earnings limit will be raised to £325 a week. The upper limits for the 5 per cent and 7 per cent reduced rate bands will also be increased, to £75 a week and £115 a week respectively. The upper limit for the 9 per cent rate for employers will be raised to £165 a week.

"Over recent years, we have steadily reduced the Treasury supplement, the taxpayers' contribution to the National Insurance Fund. From 18 per cent in 1979, it now stands at 5 per cent. We now propose to carry this policy to its logical conclusion and to abolish the supplement altogether. The necessary legislation will be introduced early in the new session."

However, because of the healthy state of the National Insurance Fund, this decision would not require any increase in contribution rates. Thus, the main Class 1 contribution rates would stay unchanged at 9 per cent for employees and 10.45 per cent for employers.

On the Industry Act Forecast, growth this year looked to be turning out at 4.5 per cent compared with the 3 per cent growth he had forecast at the time of the Budget.

Investment was particularly strong, growing twice as quickly as consumption, with manufacturing investment expected to show the biggest rise of all, at 18 per cent. "Indeed, it is striking that total investment has grown almost twice as fast as total consumption over the whole of the past five years."

The continuing vigour of the economy was testimony to the transformation in the supply side of the economy; a transformation which had enabled the seven years to 1988 to record a combination of strong and steady growth unmatched since the war.

As a result, unemployment had been falling rapidly. Since the middle of 1986 it had fallen by very nearly one million – the largest fall on record. "Over the past year unemployment has fallen faster in the UK than in any other major country."

Inflation, as measured by the retail price index, was likely to be a little over 6 per cent in the fourth quarter of this year. Part of the rise in recorded inflation reflected the impact on mortgage payments of the higher interest rates needed to tighten monetary policy and thus get inflation firmly back on a downward trend.

Excluding mortgage interest payments the RPI in the fourth quarter was likely to be around 5 per cent, compared with the 4 per cent rise in the RPI forecast at the time of the Budget.

Exports had continued to perform well, with manufactured exports up 7.5 per cent over the past year. Over the past seven years the UK's share of world trade in manufactured goods had remained steady after decades of decline.

However, with investment booming and consumer spending rising fast, total imports had grown even faster than exports, rising by 13 per cent in the year to the third quarter. This had led to a substantially greater current account deficit than he had forecast at the time of the Budget. For 1988 as a whole this now looked like turning out at some £13 billion, equivalent to 2.75 per cent of GDP.

The stronger than expected economic growth this year meant that total tax revenues were likely to exceed the Budget forecast by £3.5 billion. Both income tax and VAT had been "particularly buoyant".

In the Budget he had set a public sector debt repayment for 1988-89 of £3 billion, equivalent to 0.75 per cent of GDP. With the higher than expected Government revenues and lower than expected public expenditure, this year's PSDR now looked likely to turn out at some £10 billion, equivalent to more than 2 per cent of GDP.

This would be the second successive year of debt repayment, something not achieved since records started in the early 1950s. Morevover, this year, the Budget would still be in surplus, by some £4 billion, even if there were no privatization proceeds at all. "No other major economy has such sound public finances."

Looking ahead to 1989, the economy was forecast to grow by a further 3 per cent, with domestic demand also up by 3 per cent. Once again, investment is expected to grow considerably faster than consumption, and once again unemployment was expected to fall.

The slower growth forecast for 1989 inevitably implied a marked deceleration during the year, particularly in domestic demand.

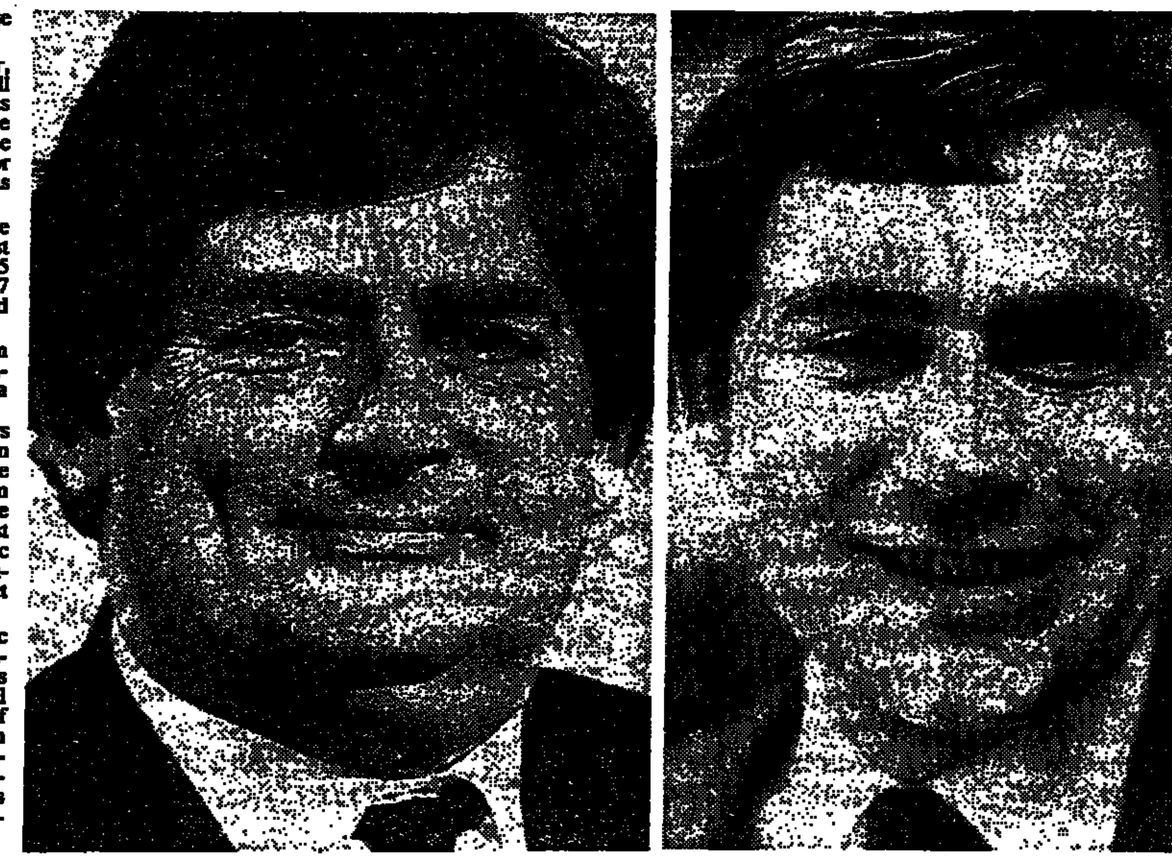
Thus, comparing the second half of next year with the second half of this year, overall growth was forecast at 2.5 per cent, and growth in domestic demand at only 1.5 per cent. The current account deficit was likely to fall only slightly, to some £11 billion, or 2.25 per cent of GDP.

Inflation, while it would inevitably continue to edge up for some months to come, was forecast to peak at some point in the middle of next year before falling back again to 5 per cent by the fourth quarter.

"In short, after two years of unexpectedly rapid expansion, growth next year is forecast to return to a sustainable level, and one which compares well with the economic performance of the 1970s; while inflation will resume its downward path.

"The public finances are in substantial surplus and will remain so, with public spending on priority programmes continuing to increase, while overall public spending continues to fall as a share of GDP, to a level in 1991-92 not seen for a quarter of a century."

Mr Lawson concluded: The prospect that lies before us is yet further testimony to the success of the policies we have been pursuing these past 9½ years and will continue to pursue, and to the economic transformation those policies have wrought.



Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor (left), and Mr Gordon Brown, who clashed over the statement

Statement wins welcome

***Mr Terence Higgins* (Worthing, C), a former Treasury minister and chairman of the Treasury select committee, welcoming the statement, said: "It shows it is possible to combine tax cuts with specific increases in public expenditure and a far greater repayment of public debt than anyone expected at the time of the last Budget".**

But *Mr Nigel Griffiths* (Edinburgh South, Lab) said that the damage inflicted on the public services made the future look bleak and *Mr Rhodri Morgan* (Cardiff West, Lab) said that unemployment was still twice what it was when the Government came to power.

Budget errors 'made worse'

The autumn statement was immediately condemned by **Mr Gordon Brown**, shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who said that it compounded the errors of the Budget and left Britain ill prepared for the 1990s.

Mr Alan Beith, Democrat spokesman on Treasury matters, said that there should have been an autumn Budget.

Mr Brown said that Mr Lawson had admitted that inflation would rise beyond 6 per cent by Christmas and the £8 billion trade deficit would be £13 billion by the year's end.

With imports rising this year by an astonishing 12 per cent, but exports only by 1.5 per cent, the deteriorating trade gap was now this Government's distinctive trade mark.

Inflation was almost twice the level in January and twice as high as any of Britain's competitors. Britain would actually have a higher inflation rate than any of its competitor countries in 1988 and well into 1989.

Far from being a temporary blip, 1989 would be the fifth year in which inflation would be above the European average. In 1984 and 1987, Mr Lawson had said that his aim was zero inflation. Did he think that promise was still credible when inflation was now higher than when he became Chancellor?

Last November, when inflation was 4 per cent, the Chancellor had said that the minimum figure for public spending next year would be £167 billion. After adjusting for the extra inflation that he had announced, that figure ought to be £172 billion.

There was therefore a shortfall in real terms of £5 billion. Would Mr Lawson confirm that by failing to allow for inflation there would be a real deterioration in essential public services?

The sum that Mr Lawson had provided today would barely cover basic inflationary pressures faced by health authorities, far less deal with the huge backlog of structural repairs.

When, last week, ministers awarded a 5.8 per cent increase to pensioners and only 4.7 per cent to families on income support, did they know they would have to announce this week that inflation was above 6 per cent and still rising and that therefore the standard of living of millions of citizens would inevitably fall?

Mr Lawson said that it was nonsense to say that next year there would be a real deterioration in public services. Spending on programmes next year was due to rise by 2.75 per cent in real terms.

The increase in real resources for the health service next year would be 4.5 per cent higher than this year — far more than anyone had hitherto suggested. *Spending on health as a proportion of total spending was far higher than it had ever been* under Labour.

'Our train needs are different'

Britain did not have the same need as France for a high-speed train on its side of the Channel tunnel, the Prime Minister told MPs at question time.

She was responding to **Mr Robert Adley** (Christchurch, C), who said that there appeared to be no coordination between the British Government and British Rail and the French Government and SNCF on investment criteria for development and construction of rail services at each end of the line.

Mrs Thatcher: I would not accept that. There is coordination.

Car penalties increased

Motorists will face tougher penalties for traffic offences under regulations approved by Parliament late on Monday.

Under the Points (Alteration) Order, which comes into force next March, drivers convicted of careless or inconsiderate driving face a points penalty of between three and nine compared with two to five now.

The other increases are: Failing to stop after an accident, 8 to 10 from 5 to 9; failure to give particulars or to report an accident, 8 to 10 from 4 to 9; and driving without insurance, 6 to 8 from 4 to 8.

White Paper

A White Paper will be brought forward in the spring on the results of the Government review of the National Health Service, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Timetable motion on Lords amendments to the Firearms (Amendment) Bill. Debate on broadcasting and terrorism.
Lords (2.30): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, Commons amendments.

Kinnock launches benefit attack

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, accused the Prime Minister at question time of attempting to save money on Family Credit at the expense of the poor.

Mr Kinnock: There is conclusive proof that Family Credit reaches 30 per cent of the eligible families. When a targeted benefit misses 70 per cent of the very people it is supposed to help, had not the Prime Minister better do something about her aim?

Mrs Thatcher: We are having a very major effort to get more people entitled to Family Credit receiving Family Credit. That will mean among other things a major programme of television advertising and I hope he will not then object to the expenditure.

Mr Kinnock: At the outset the Government only budgeted for 60 per cent take-up. Actually, take-up has been half that. Does that cause the Prime Minister and the Government any regret?

Mrs Thatcher: More money is being spent on the poor and not on the better off. People can claim Family Credit for a family with two children up to an income of £9,300 a year. I would hope he would join the Government to get those entitled to Family Credit to go along and claim it. If he will not, why not (Conservative cheers)?

Mr Kinnock: I am rather more in favour of the poor geting money than the Prime Minister is on the basis of her record (Conservative protests).

Mrs Thatcher: Never has more been spent on social security payments and on the health service than now.

'Local' pay on the way

Commonsense dictates that the Department of Health will begin to reflect local variations in pay and conditions in pay awards, **Mr Kenneth Clarke**, Secretary of State for Health, said during question time.

Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C) said that there was great difficulty for nurses moving to the South because of the high costs of housing and living. The time was fast approaching when they would have to move to regional pay.

Mr Clarke agreed and said that it was necessary to recruit and retain people in all parts of the country. Costs varied from place to place.

The department had included the suggestion in its evidence to the pay review.

Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab) said that there was anger and dismay among nursing sisters at the effects of regrading.

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Mr Clarke replied that three quarters of all sisters would be on the higher grades.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, invited Mr Clarke to reconsider his decision not to meet the trade union side in the health service negotiations.

"He is the first Secretary of State in the recollection of the Royal College of Nursing who has declined to meet them when they requested it, although most of his predecessors were doing double the job."

Mr Clarke: I declined to meet the staff side because it is improper for the Secretary of State to put himself in the place of the management side of the negotiating body.

We had plainly reached the stage where continued negotiation was getting us nowhere.

I look forward to meeting the staff side at some time in future when we have a sensible agenda.

Replying to a later question, **Mr David Mellor**, Minister of State for Health, suggested regional pay variations to solve recruitment problems for medical physics technicians.

He told **Mr Paul Boateng** (Brent South, Lab) that as a fellow inner London MP he was aware of the recruitment difficulties for medical technicians and the problems with other staff who did not benefit from the review body system. "We want to try to address that matter."

The nurses' pay review had included 9 per cent for working in inner London. That was the beginning of a move towards regional pay.

Most 'are happy to pay charges'

Most people were very willing to pay small charges for dental and eye examinations, the Prime Minister said during questions to loud jeers from the Opposition.

She said that many people would be quite put out if they were not allowed to pay. If these small charges were not made it would mean people would not be able to get the operations they needed as soon as they otherwise would.

She was replying to **Mr John Townend** (Bridlington, C), who said those who benefited most from substantial reductions in income tax, particularly those on higher incomes, should be prepared to accept personal responsibility for paying for their own eye tests and dental examinations.

He said that it had never been

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policy to charge children, the low paid and partially sighted, and 20 million people were exempt.

Mrs Thatcher: He is right. Some 20 million people, over one-third of the population will be exempt from charges on sight tests and dental examinations. I think that most people are very willing to pay small charges for dental and eye examinations.

They cannot pay the big charges necessary for operations such as cataracts and hip replacements and so on, but small charges amount to a very considerable sum which enables us to have reductions of waiting lists.

Rate Support Grants Bill: Second reading

Measure to protect Exchequer from creative accounting

Some of the following report of the later stages of Monday's debate in the Commons appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government had a majority of 54 at the end of the debate on the second reading of the Rate Support Grants Bill. Voting was 252 to 198.

The Bill, according to the Government, provides for the orderly transition of local authority finances from the existing rating system to the community charge, which comes into operation in April 1990.

It is also intended to protect the Exchequer from creative accounting by local authorities in an attempt to get more money from central government.

At the end of the debate, **Mrs Virginia Bottomley**, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the Government would issue a consultation paper this month setting out in full its proposals for a settlement of the rate-support grant next year, and it proposed to make the settlement itself before Christmas.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that, as a result of the Bill, some local authorities would end with windfall gains but others would incur unprecedented losses.

Police forces in London, the metropolitan areas and Northumbria could lose £18 million. Every shire county was also a potential loser. This was at a time of great pressure on police resources. And the police had not been accused of "ripping off" the system by creative acounting.

"What greater encouragement can there be than for vigilantes to take to the streets?"

In London, vigilantes imported from the United States had tried to patrol the streets and the Underground, and no minister yet had moved to control such patrols.

In Birmingham, there had been support from a Conservative councillor. In Tyne and Wear, neighbours had called in private security firms to patrol their streets.

"A little bit more squeeze on the police budget and, of course, the obvious way out is that you privatize it. This is the thin-end-of-the-wedge argument. It is dishonest and dishonourable and if the Government cannot see that it is dangerous now, it will never see that it is dangerous."

The Metropolitan Police stood to lose £11.5 million in potential grant entitlement, and Greater Manchester £1.7 million. Other areas were in similar situations.

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Vigilante patrols were really nothing more than large-scale corruption rackets, taking money from people who would otherwise be paying their taxes and getting services from a professionally trained police force.

The charges for local government were designed to undermine, not underpin, democratic local government.

There was a feeling that local government was now regarded as an agency to provide services dictated from the centre. That view should be rejected by all democrats.

"A unitary state will end as a dictatorship if there is no freedom in the localities. It naturally follows that, if there is no freedom in the localities, all the power goes to the centre and dictatorship is the inevitable consequence."

Mr Cyril Patnick (Sheffield, Hallam, C) said that the community charge would mean that every voter would know how his money was spent and how much that would be with a sensible council providing a reasonable level of services.

Mr Matthew Taylor, Democrat spokesman on local government, said that many well managed honest councils of different political complexions would be affected by the rigidities of the Bill.

It was helpful to know in advance exactly how much money would be received by local authorities. But many councils which had primed their budgets carefully would be jeopardized by the new method of setting rate-support grant.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) said there was bound to be an element of rough justice, but he hoped that consideration would be shown if a few authorities suffered unduly.

Mr Peter Thurnham (Bolton North East, C) said that councils would now be under the sort of pressure for efficiency that the private sector had faced for many years.

Sir Marcus Fox (Shipley, C) said that the present rate-support system had outlived its usefulness. He welcomed the orderly transition that was intended.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that he shared the wish for a simpler system of local government finance, but this was not the way for it to be done. Some provisions in the Bill were iniquitous and inequitable and would be opposed.

The Bill imposed on local authorities a retrospective set of injustices. Some would have windfall gains and many others would have unjust and unjustifiable losses.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West Lab) said that most Bradford people felt cheated and betrayed by the way in which the Conservatives there had sought to manipulate democracy and to introduce controversial and unpopular policies.

The Tory Party in Bradford had been dishonest in concealing their plans from the electorate in elections.

Mrs Teresa Gorman (Billericay, C) said that she was not euphoric about the £1 billion extra that the new system would cost. That money would be better left in the pockets of taxpayers.

Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo (Nottingham South, C) said that the rate-support grant should have been abolished years ago. In the past all councils had used creative accountancy to some extent. The Government was right to stop it.

Mr Robert G. Hughes (Harrow West, C) said that the Bradford revolution could be repeated in any of the northern cities and Labour was desperately worried about its votes in these areas because the Conservatives in Bradford would bring such success to the economy of that city.

Mr William O'Brien, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, described the Bill as "cruel and dishonest" and said that it restricted local government in its efforts to provide the services that people relied on.

Streets needed to be cleaned and to have proper lighting, and dereliction must be attacked.

Mrs Bottomley: Consultation paper this month

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THE AUTUMN STATEMENT

Chancellor predicts growth will slow to 3% next year

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson presented an outlook for the economy yesterday in which his policy of high interest rates and public spending restraint will produce a slowdown in growth to a more sustainable level next year. The Chancellor's autumn statement forecast the economy's overall growth rate at 3 per cent for 1989. He estimated growth of 4.5 per cent this year compared with 4 per cent last year.

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Mr Lawson said that to achieve this slowdown the deceleration in the economy, and in particular of domestic demand, is likely to be sharp. This in *turn suggests high interest rates will be* maintained and that the Budget next March will be a highly cautious affair.

"No other major economy has such sound public finances", he said, announcing the public sector debt repayment this year will be £10 billion, rather than the £3 billion he predicted at the time of the March Budget, and that a similar "surplus" is on the cards for the next financial year, 1989-90.

The surplus is because of buoyant tax revenues and an undershoot in public spending. This financial year's planning total for public spending, predicted in January to be £156.9 billion, is now estimated at £153.6 billion. The £3.3 billion undershoot is mainly due to £1 billion on extra privatization proceeds. There have also been extra receipts from council house sales which have helped to trim the housing budget by £970 million. In addition, there is now £900 million less of social security spending estimated for this year, largely because of falling unemployment.

For next year, the Treasury caused considerable surprise by announcing a planning total of £167.1 billion, unchanged on previous plans. Government sources had indicated that the planning total would be raised by about £3 billion. That the total was held was intended to reassure financial markets of the Government's prudence, although reaction in the City was muted.

The Treasury expects growth in the main economies to slow from 4 to 3 per cent next year, and world trade growth to edge down from 8.5 to 7.5 per cent. Even so, it is optimistic about prospects for exports. The Chancellor said British *industry had held its share of world* trade in recent years; the current account deficit came from a sharp rise in imports. Export growth is predicted to accelerate from 1.5 per cent this year to 5.5 per cent next year, while import growth slows sharply, from 12 to 4.5 per cent. The Chancellor's forecast showed the deficit on the current account of the *balance of payments declining from its* record £13 billion this year — 2.75 per cent of gross domestic product — to £11 billion next year.

Just as the current account deficit this year has turned out far higher than expected — the Budget forecast was £4 billion — so inflation has increased to well above Treasury projections. The new forecast is for 6.25 per cent average inflation in the fourth quarter of this year, against 4 per cent predicted in the budget. Without recent mortgage rate increases, inflation would be 5 per cent in the fourth quarter, he said.

Next year, inflation is predicted to continue its rise until around the middle of the year — although no figure was given for its likely peak — before coming down to 5 per cent by the end of the year.

The Treasury expects unemployment to continue to fall next year, but at a slower rate than over the past two years.

The economy's slowdown and the assumption that privatization proceeds *will continue to be £5 billion a year, will* mean higher public spending in future years. The planning total for 1990-91 is £179.4 billion, an increase of £3.3 billion on previous plans. The target for 1991-92, set for the first time, is £191.6 billion.

Financial targets set for the electricity industry for 1989-90 announced yesterday confirm that price rises of around 6 per cent will be announced shortly, coming into effect next April. Government support for British Coal is being cut back as the industry improves efficiency.

It is receiving £750 million a year to meet a big investment programme, but in 1988-90 will get £560 million. Among other industries making a payment to the Government will be the Scottish electricity industry (£60 million), Post Office (£91 million), Scottish Transport Group (£5 million) and British Shipbuilders (£61 million). Nationalized industries apart from British Coal receiving government support will be British Rail (£439 million), British Waterways Board (£48 million), Civil Aviation Authority (£47 million), London Regional Transport (£287 million) and the water industry in England and Wales (£40 million). Overall the nationalized industries will make a £35 million contribution to the Government. Expectations on privatization proceeds have been raised to £6 billion for the current financial year, an increase of £1 billion. The increase is in anticipation of the first instalment payments in the shares sale at British Steel, flotation of which is later this month. Only the first instalment is expected to fall into the current year. For the next three years privatization proceeds are anticipated at £5 billion a year. Before 1991-92, the privatization of water is scheduled, which is likely to raise up to £6 billion. Electricity privatization should just fall within the period.

Hospitals saved by 'spectacular spending boost'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

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Health authorities are to get an extra £1,098 million next year, representing a rise in real terms of 3.5 per cent.

Announcing what he described as a "quite spectacular boost for health service spending", Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, emphasized that the extra money was on top of the £940 million already allocated for the nurses' pay award which had been included in this year's figures.

Health service finance officers said that the new money, much higher than expected, would help to prevent bed closures and allow for developments in the health service for the first time for years.

Mr Clarke announced that total government spending on the NHS in England would rise by £1.6 billion including £320 million for family practitioner services, which rise by 2.5 per cent in real terms to £4.5 billion, and £80 million for capital spending. Net spending on health and personal social services will rise from £21.7 billion in 1988-89 to £23.2 billion in 1989-90.

However, Mr Clarke made it clear that he also expected health authorities to find £150 million in cost improvements and £25 million in income generation schemes which would boost total spending to £1.8 billion.

Mr Clarke explained that part of the apparent windfall for health authorities was due to a recommendation from the Government Actuary to reduce employers' superannuation contributions from 7 per cent to 4.5 per cent. That will raise £300 million next year which health authorities can keep for service developments.

"The resources available for health are growing much faster than for the economy as a whole. The health service has been given a higher priority than in earlier years", Mr Clarke said. "The extra resources that we are giving the NHS next year will ensure that health services continue to improve and expand beyond the high levels of service already achieved."

Of the £1,098 million allocated to hospital and community services, £632 million is expected to cover the inflation estimate of 5 per cent, £68 million will be spent on the prevention and treatment of Aids, £46 million will be earmarked for central initiatives such as the nurses' training programme, Project 2000, which gets £12 million, and £30 million for the waiting list fund.

That leaves £352 million to cover demographic and technological growth and service developments, a real increase of 2.8 per cent. Health authorities generally claim that at least 2 per cent is needed in real terms to fund service developments.

Mr Clarke brushed off comments that some of the extra money could have been spent on avoiding dental and optical charges. "We would be wasting an opportunity if we allowed £140 million to stay in the pockets of the better off members of the community", he said.

Twenty million people were already exempt from charges with only six out of every 10 people having to pay £3 every six months for a dental checkup and up to £10 for an eye test. He hoped that the full funding of the nurses' pay award would help prevent ward and bed closures.

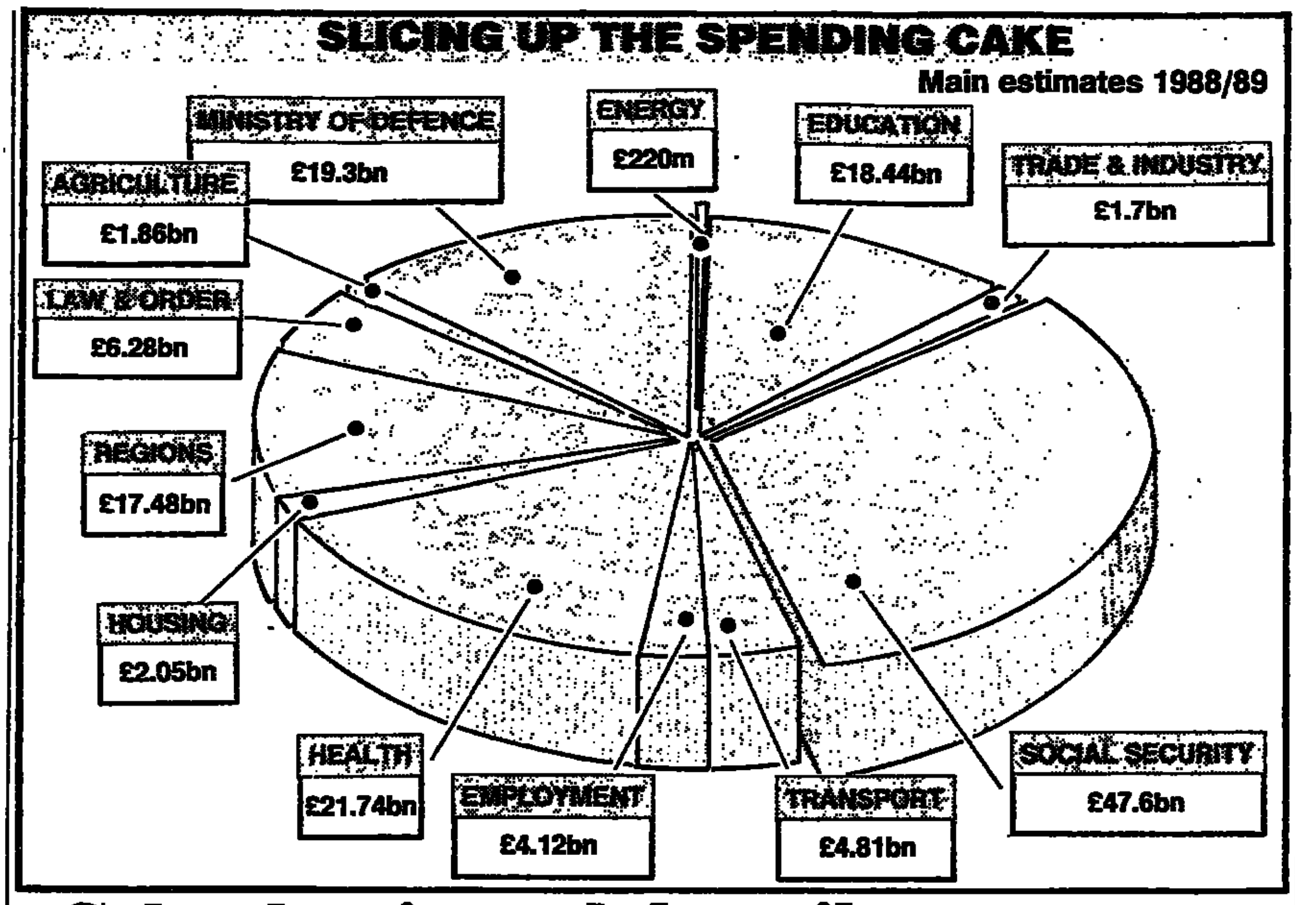
He warned that health authorities should not be tempted to think that, given next year's boost, they no longer had to become more efficient. "It becomes even more important to ensure that we get every last penny of value out of these colossal sums we are pumping in.

"I am determined to ensure that the new money is used for the benefit of patients. No one in the NHS should believe that the new funds can be used to avoid difficult decisions or to relax in the search for greater efficiency."

Mr David Poynton, chairman of the Health Care Financial Management Association, welcomed next year's spending plans. "It should prevent cuts and closures and will allow authorities to further develop services.

"It is particularly significant in that it will allow authorities to be much more positive than they have been in the past three or four years."

Spending on personal social services will rise to £124 million in 1989-90, an increase of £9 million over the planned level for 1988-89. Two new specific grants are to be introduced next year, however, to support spending on services for Aids and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) related conditions and for training social services staff working with children.



SLICING UP THE SPENDING CAKE

Main estimates 1988/89

£306m to boost science budget

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Science will receive £306 million more in government funding in the next three years than had been proposed, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced yesterday.

The science budget in 1989-90 will be 16 per cent higher than this year. Mr Baker said an extra £14 million for basic science in research councils and universities would be made available immediately.

He said that among projects to benefit from the extra £306 million would be environmental research, particularly investigations into the depletion of the Earth's ozone layer and its effects on climate.

The British Antarctic Survey, which is involved in the research, is likely to receive a big boost in funds. "I don't think enough people know about our strong research presence in the Antarctic. It is one of the jewels in the crown", Mr Baker said.

The science budget in 1988-89 is £708 million. This will rise to £825 million in 1989-90, £837 million in 1990-91 and £855 million in 1991-92. Previous proposals for the next three years were £729 million, £731 million and £750 million.

Mr Baker said he would make a further announcement shortly on the detailed implications of the science budget. The Advisory Board for the Research Councils will be invited to allocate the money available.

He said: "I think scientists will be well pleased with the increases I have announced he said. These were needed and I am very glad to have got them."

Sir David Phillips, ABRC chairman, said later: "The settlement which Mr Baker has achieved for science is very encouraging indeed".

Schools win cash but silence on pay

By Douglas Broom
Education Correspondent

EDUCATION

Spending on schools in England will rise by 7.2 per cent next year in what Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, described yesterday as "a good deal for education".

Mr Baker said £940 million would be available for schools in the year beginning next April, as he announced details of the Government's plans for spending on schools and local authority colleges.

Education authorities will be allowed to spend £352 million on capital works to improve existing schools and colleges, a broadly similar amount to this year, allowing for inflation.

Mr Baker told a press conference that he believed the figure was big enough to enable the programme of improving old and dilapidated schools to be completed.

However, he refused to be drawn on the issue of teachers' pay. The Government has allocated £385 million — roughly equal to a 5.1 per cent rise across the board — for the teachers' salary award due next April. Mr Baker said he expected the government-appointed Interim Advisory Committee, which has the job of recommending next year's teachers' pay rise, to stick within the cash limit imposed upon it.

In addition there would be £90 million spread over three years from next April to cover the cost of introducing the National Curriculum — the centrepiece of the Government's Education Reform Act.

On top of that there would be £90 million next year in Education Support Grants and £65 million for teacher training to implement other aspects of the reform package.

The present record low pupil-teacher ratio of 17 to one would be maintained and there would be "substantial real increases" in spending per pupil on books, equipment and support staff in schools.

Mr Baker said the figures would also allow room for "substantial increases" in spending on repair and maintenance to school buildings. In local authority further education colleges Mr Baker said he expected improved efficiency to result in a worsening of the present staff-student ratio of 8.8 to one to about 9.4 to one by the end of the next financial year.

Mr Baker said his overall spending package would allow for new school places to be provided in areas of population growth.

● Universities are to receive an extra £100 million over the next three years, which allowing for inflation means their coffers will remain at the same level (Sam Kiley writes).

Mr Baker said yesterday that the grant for universities next year (89-90) will rise by £27 million to £1672 million, which is roughly in keeping with the rate of inflation as assessed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at 5 per cent.

Polytechnics will receive £103 million from the newly formed Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council in current expenditure, as well as £84 million for capital, and £60 million to be spent on bringing equipment up to date.

Mr Baker said that the Exchequer will also increase Open University funding by 4.2 per cent, and set aside £3 million for the Computer Board.

Younger outlines 'a unique deal'

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

DEFENCE

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said yesterday he had won a unique deal from the Treasury, allowing the defence budget to rise by about £1 billion a year over the next three years.

Mr Younger has been given a further £750 million above previous plans over the next two years (£150 million in 1989-90 and £600 million in 1990-91). It has also been agreed that the 1991-92 Budget will be £910 million above the previous year's figure.

The total extra money of £1,660 million over three years means that Mr Younger has succeeded in changing the Government's previous policy which was for the defence budget to rise only in relation to the inflation rate.

Instead of a no-growth defence budget, it will now increase in real terms in 1990-91 by 1.7 per cent and in 1991-92 by 1.3 per cent. The 1989-90 budget will show a decrease in real terms of 0.7 per cent. However, Mr Younger said it was estimated that the Ministry of Defence had underspent this year by £446 million and that could be carried over to the next year.

He said the growth in the budget meant that he could dispense with any idea of having a defence review. The trump card for Mr Younger was the political argument that Britain had to show to her Nato partners that she was committed to genuine growth in defence spending.

PUBLIC SPENDING 1987-1992

Department	1987-88 outturn	1988-89 estimate	change	1989-90 plans	1990-91 plans	1991-92 plans
MoD	18,853	19,300	450	20,120	21,180	22,090
FCO Diplomatic	660	750	90	770	810	850
FCO Overseas Dev.	1,303	1,480	180	1,540	1,630	1,690
EEC	1,664	950	-710	1,970	1,950	1,580
Agriculture	1,976	1,860	-110	1,950	2,160	2,350
DTI	728	1,700	980	1,360	1,340	1,160
ECGD	151	110	- 40	180	120	60
Energy	228	220	- 10	-250	-510	620
Employment	3,915	4,120	210	4,020	3,960	3,960
Transport	4,586	4,810	230	5,360	5,540	5,660
Environment - Housing	2,697	2,050	-640	1,710	2,040	2,380
Environment - Other	3,640	4,380	740	4,480	4,560	4,700
Home Office	5,702	6,280	580	6,900	7,220	7,390
Legal	793	960	160	1,080	1,170	1,240
Education and Science	17,081	18,440	1,360	19,570	20,240	20,770
Arts and Libraries	889	980	90	980	1,010	1,050
Health	19,716	21,740	2,020	23,160	24,380	25,390
Social Security	46,249	47,600	1,400	51,000	55,300	58,700
Scotland	8,087	8,720	630	8,970	9,140	9,680
Wales	3,330	3,600	270	3,790	3,900	4,010
N. Ireland	4,926	5,160	240	5,470	5,690	5,910
Lord Chancellor	3,432	3,670	240	4,080	4,280	4,490
Others	296	360	70	320	340	350
Reserve	0	0	0	3,500	7,000	10,500
Privatisation proceeds	-5,161	-6,000	-840	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
Adjustment	0	330	330	0	0	0
PLANNING TOTAL	145,740	153,600	7,800	167,100	179,400	191,600
Government debt interest	17,526	17,700	200	17,000	16,000	15,500
Other adjustments	8,230	9,600	1,400	9,500	9,500	9,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	171,496	180,900	9,400	193,700	205,000	216,000

Cash injection to build motorways

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

TRANSPORT

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, has won substantial extra resources for Britain's motorway and trunk road programme.

Nearly £3 billion is to be spent on building and improving such roads in the next three years. After allowing for value-added tax on new road construction from next March, spending on roads will rise by 40 per cent.

An extra £220 million above previously planned spending levels has been earmarked for for 1989-90, with a further £250 million granted for 1990-91.

The additional resources mark an unexpectedly successful outcome for Mr Channon in his recent negotiations with the Treasury.

A spokesman for the British Road Federation said the announcement was "probably the best news for British road-users for years. I think it shows recognition of how important it is to get a decent road network in place to meet the challenge of the 1990s."

British Rail is to increase its investment next year by £200 million, with further increases to follow, while reducing its requirement for external finance by £439 million.

● The Civil Aviation Authority was given the go-ahead yesterday to more than double its borrowings to overcome congestion at airports and in the skies (Harvey Elliott writes).

Mr Channon had pressed the Chancellor to increase the CAA's borrowing limit from £20 million to £47 million next year so it could bring forward plans to provide new computers at the London Air Traffic Control Centre and reorganize air traffic control procedures.

The authority now plans to spend £208 million over the next three years as part of a 10-year programme to ease congestion.

The Chancellor also gave approval for work to begin on a second terminal at Manchester airport.

More cash for construction of factories

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Factory building in Wales and Scotland received a boost in the public spending round.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, said a £270 million programme for clearing derelict sites, building factories and improving the environment was a record.

INDUSTRY

The total Welsh budget next year will be £3.79 billion, a rise of 9.8 per cent on earlier forecasts. It includes £212 million for Welsh industry.

The Scottish Development Agency hopes to receive a further £5 million on top of its £145 million budget.

The annual increase for Scotland will be 6 per cent, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, confirmed yesterday, an effective increase of £514 million.

Northern Ireland public spending will rise by £300 million to £5.4 billion, with a big part of the budget being allocated to the fight against terrorism. Public spending will rise to £5.6 billion in 1990-91.

No insurance surprise

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

INSURANCE

The national insurance limits and payment rates announced yesterday by Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, contain no surprises.

The lower limit rises by just over 4.8 per cent from £41 to £43 to mirror the new single person's pension.

The upper earnings limit, roughly 7.5 times the lower limit, goes up from £305 a week to £325. This is a rise of more than 7.5 per cent because the Chancellor is given freedom in the 1975 Social Security Act to round limits to the nearest £5.

There is to be no increase in the rates on national insurance in spite of the abolition of the Treasury supplement to the national insurance account. This was 18 per cent in 1979, and has gradually been cut. Last year, it was reduced from 7 per cent to 5 per cent.

The thresholds at which reduced rates of National Insurance are payable have been raised. Employers paying 10.45 per cent for employees earning more than £155 a week will pay the higher rates for those on £165 a week or more.

NEW NI CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekly pay	% contributions Employee	Employer
Under £43	None payable	
£43-74.99	5	5
£75-114.99	7	7
£115-164.99	9	9
£165-325	9	10.45
Above £325	9% of £325	10.45

Jail building programme to be accelerated

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

LAW AND ORDER

The Government's drive to beat prison overcrowding and put extra police on the streets is stepped up further with more increases in spending.

An extra £370 million over the next two financial years will accelerate the jail building programme in England and Wales. As a result, 3,000 additional places will be provided over and above the 7,000 already planned in the next three years.

New prisons and additions to existing ones will mean more than 25,000 new places becoming available by 1995. Eight new prisons have already opened and another 18 are in the pipeline.

At least two further prisons, and may be some purpose-built remand centres, will be financed from new money now available.

A package of other measures to reduce pressure on prisons includes: 500 extra places in bail hostels as an alternative to remands in custody; 20 new bail information schemes to help courts to decide whether to grant bail; and more intensive probation as part of punishment in the community, including 30 new day-centres. The aim of the package is to reduce demand on prisons by about 1,000 places in 1991-92.

An additional 300 police officer posts are being created in provincial forces on top of the 800 already planned. There will be additional "substantial" increases from 1990-91 onwards. The Home Office blames the need for extra police on public order, drugs and terrorism problems. More civilians are being recruited to free uniformed officers for operational duties.

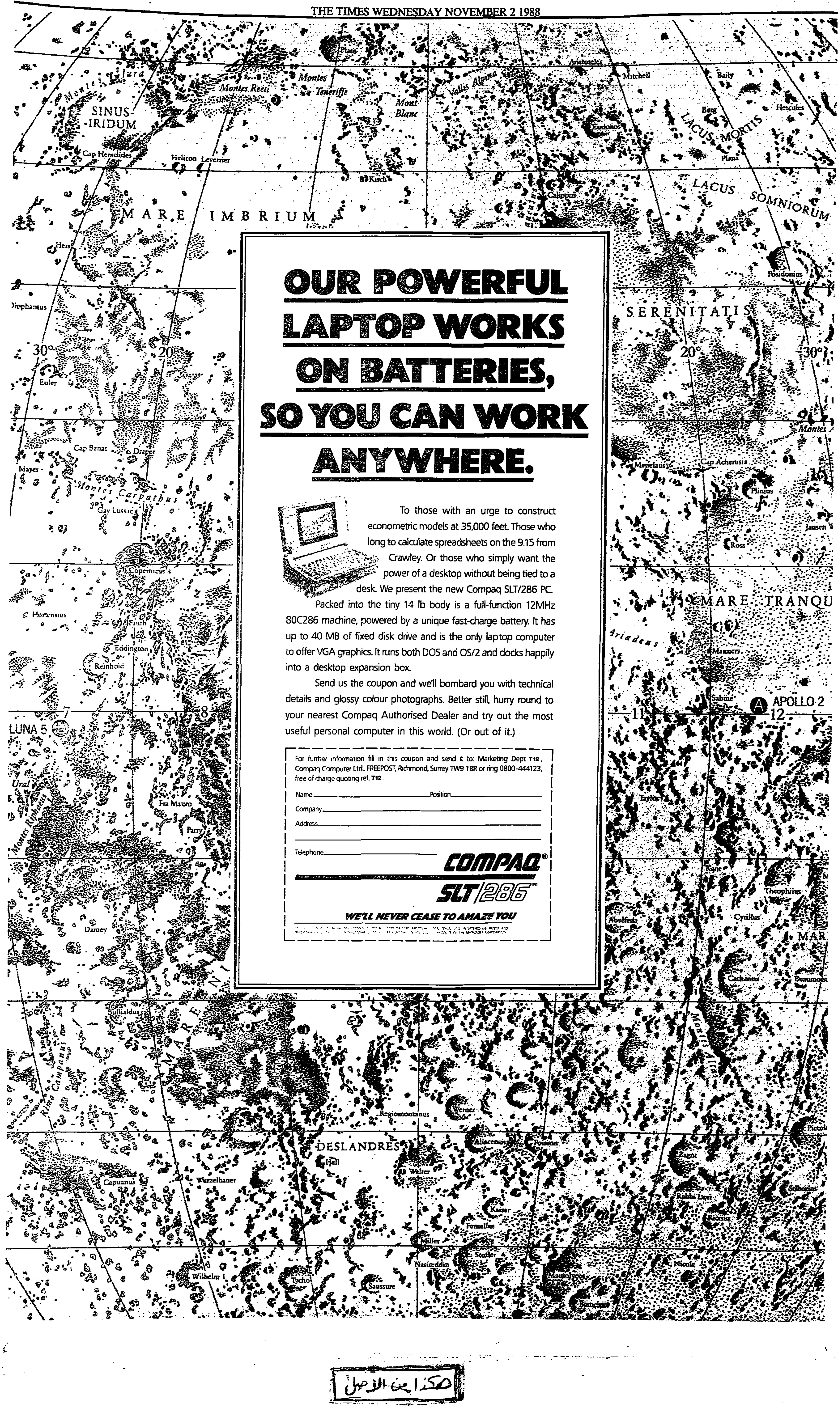
Police officer establishments will rise to an average of 125,650 in 1989-90 in England and Wales and average civilian strength to 43,740. Improvements in police training will include a new-style course for probationers. Extra staff are being recruited for the Immigration and Nationality Department to tackle backlogs. There is going to be a big campaign against immigration offenders and overstayers, without extra manpower.

The development in Home Office services is made possible by an extra £610 million in 1989-90, bringing the total to £6,900 million, and an increase of £760 million in 1990-91 (total £7,220 million). There will be £7,390 million for 1991-92.

Legal aid bill nears £600m

The legal aid bill is expected to rise to nearly £600 million next year and by 1991-92 to have reached £680 million, according to the autumn statement (Frances Gibb writes).

The rising workload of the courts and burgeoning legal aid bill has prompted the Government to revise spending plans for both items upwards by a total £30 million and £40 million respectively for 1989-90 and 1990-91. For legal aid, there is a new provisional budget figure of £590 million for 1989-90, and for the courts, £250 million.



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Donaldson calls for curbs on access to civil appeals

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Greater restrictions on the right of litigants to bring cases to the Court of Appeal without first obtaining leave were called for yesterday by the Master of the Rolls.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington proposed the reform in the week when for the first time two Court of Appeal judges have been "laid off" because of a lack of courtrooms.

More "lay-offs" are likely early next year, he says in his review of the court's civil division work for 1987-88.

The proposed restrictions are part of a package intended to improve efficiency. The court has a shortage of qualified back-up staff which is leading to "administrative mistakes which would not otherwise occur".

The number of Court of Appeal judges rose to 20 last January, yet there were fewer retired Lords Justices of Appeal available to help.

The court manages to "maintain its traditional standard of service to the public but is unable to improve it", Lord Donaldson says.

The number of appeals outstanding at the end of the year was 977, compared with 954, 953, 974 and 924 in previous years. "At best, the figures suggest that the court is holding its own." "

But there has been a "startling increase" in the number of long appeals or groups of appeals, a total of 46 (compared with three the year before) which took up 270 days, 196 in open court.

Lord Donaldson suggests one way to eliminate hopeless appeals might be to extend the need to obtain leave. Such leave, either from the trial judge or from the Court of Appeal, is required in about half the appeals coming before the court.

"It is for consideration whether this should not be extended", he says. "It is no kindness to allow an appeal to go forward which will quite clearly fail and the hearing of hopeless appeals causes delay in the hearing of other appeals which have real merit."

The argument against is that nobody's rights should be finally determined by a single judge, he says. Yet that is what sometimes happens when people apply for leave to appeal.

He suggests more pre-reading of papers by judges and early delivery by counsel of the "skeleton arguments" would reduce delays.

Lord Donaldson has also put to the Lord Chancellor the "pressing need" for the appointment to the court of a small staff of qualified lawyers to advise on likely time needed for a case or likelihood of settlement.

Such lawyers would review all appeal papers and ensure the facts were there before the appeal was listed rather than leaving the judges to discover the gaps in the hearing.

They would also sift the papers of litigants who bring cases in person and summarize the facts and the law.

At present such papers are often inadequate and the judge has to spend time trying to find out what the appeal is really about.

The Civil Appeals Office is "tiny", Lord Donaldson says, compared with the staff of the criminal division. It has no lawyers among its 23 staff, compared with 89 staff in the criminal divison, of whom 23 are lawyers.

Hailsham backs call to reform juries

By Richard Ford and David Sapsted

Two of the country's most senior legal figures, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, and Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, the former Attorney-General, demanded fundamental changes in the jury system in English courts yesterday.

Lord Rawlinson said he supported the call made in *The Times* yesterday by Sir Frederick Lawton, the former Court of Appeal judge, for a wide-ranging review of the system. Lord Hailsham criticized the system for "commanding more public support than it deserves" and said he did not doubt that, because of their make-up, London juries acquitted more people than they should.

The demands for change came after a series of articles in *The Times* last week highlighting existing deficiencies.

Lord Rawlinson said they showed there was now a need for a formal inquiry. He was supported by Mr Alex Carlile, Democrat MP for Montgomery and secretary of the all-party barristers' group in the Commons, who favoured a Royal Commission.

Lord Rawlinson said that, having seen the series in *The Times*, he believed there was a case for having a formal inquiry to look at and get more detailed evidence about the working of the jury system.

Lord Hailsham said: "I do believe that we used to get a better class of jury before the abolition of the property-owning qualification. I also think it was a very bad mistake to reduce the age of eligibility to 18."

Lord Hailsham said he would not oppose the proposal of a Royal Commission but he favoured the abolition of juries in civil cases and a rational framework for criminal cases which should be heard by a jury.

Zoos given a £10m boost

Mr Andy Grant (left), managing director of Zoo Operations, which has been set up by the London Zoological Society, with Lord Peyton, chairman of the new company, holding Neusi, a chimpanzee aged four, in front of the Mappin Terrace at London Zoo yesterday, after it was announced that the Government has released £10million towards developing London and Whipsnade zoos. The zoos have to contribute another £6 million towards the programme which aims to take the zoos into the 21st century (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Campaign to seek new tax on cigarettes

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The British Medical Association joined Ash (Action on Smoking and Health) yesterday to campaign for tougher laws on cigarette advertising and tobacco industry sponsorship of sport and the arts.

The organizations want the Government to introduce a cigarette tax with some of the proceeds going towards promoting health education and replacing existing sponsorships by the industry.

The idea is modelled on state legislation introduced last year in Victoria, Australia.

The British move coincides with the renegotiation of the voluntary agreement between the Department of Health and the industry on cigarette advertising and promotion.

Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA professional and scientific division, said yesterday: "The industry has shown that it will callously and cynically find loopholes in the agreements it makes and it is time that restrictions were imposed on them by the Government".

Mr David Simpson, director of Ash, said: "Another 5p on a packet of cigarettes would bring in a further £150 million or so.

"The Government could use this to fund projects such as the work of the Health Education Authority, which has an annual budget of about £20 million, and to replace the £10 million of tobacco sponsorship for sport."

University facing big cut in science

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The University of Wales, a federation of six university colleges, could be left with just one college offering physics and chemistry if restructuring proposals submitted by the University Grants Committee (UGC) go ahead.

A UGC-approved restructuring scheme has led to the scaling down of the chemistry department at the college at Aberystwyth while Bangor cut back on physics. The proposals would cut or amalgamate both departments as well as at Swansea, leaving University College, Cardiff, intact.

"We shall be putting forward the argument that our physics department may be too small by the UGC criteria of having at least 20 staff or 200 full-time students, but we have an unrivalled record in upper atmosphere research and a significant national role in physics", Dr Gareth Owen, Aberystwyth's principal, said.

He said that the decision to close so many departments from Wales reflected a lack of understanding of the federal nature of the university, which has been organized to have a geographic spread of subjects.

Professor Charles Stirling, head of chemistry at Bangor, said the department earned more per head from the Science and Engineering Research Council than Cambridge University's chemistry department.

It produced more students and publications per staff capita than any other department in Britain, he said.

Professor Eric Sunderland, principal of the college, said he would "fight very strongly to retain chemistry which is very much part of our expansion programme".

Professor Brian Clarkson, principal of Swansea and vice-chancellor of the university, said the funding council had used outdated figures. Both departments were above UGC minimum thresholds.

Thirty-four universities or university collegeswill be affected by the UGC proposals. Eighteen institutions could lose both physics and chemistry departments, while 28 physics departments and 24 chemistry departments may be closed or amalgamated.

Loans for students and fee means test sought

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The Government should attempt to introduce legislation for the means testing of tuition fees, and introduce student loans, according to a paper thought to have been behind documents leaked to the Labour Party this week.

The aim would be to ease the costs on the public purse.

The paper, by Dr John Kelly, of Regent's Park College, London, is thought to have been the basis of much of the reasoning in the leaked documents. It was presented to Mr Robert Jackson, the minister responsible for higher education, in February.

The paper recommends that maintenance grants be abolished after the first year and replaced with loans. It says: "By that time they (students) would have ample opportunity to form their own view as to the value of their education. . . . One would argue that it would be a much better use of public funds to concentrate the expenditure on tuition anyway."

Dr Kelly's paper was overtaken to some extent in its influence on the minister's thinking by rival proposals from Dr John Barnes and Dr Nicholas Barr, of the London School of Economics. Those called for the introduction of vouchers and loans. Such measures, -it was suggested, could be financed out of additional national income contributions.

The document written by Mr Jackson does not specify how vouchers or loans might be paid for.

St Paul's Choir School admits non-choristers

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

St Paul's Choir School, the last English cathedral school reserved exclusively for choristers, will admit non-singing pupils for the first time next year, it was announced yesterday.

The decison to double the size of the school by taking non-choristers marks the end of an 861-year-old tradition.

The headmaster, the Rev Gilbert Hopley, said that the arrival of 40 day boys next September would enable the school to take on extra teaching staff and broaden the range of subjects it offers.

The school hopes its traditional strengths – each pupil is offered tuition in at least two instruments – will attract parents whose sons have an aptitude for music.

Mr Hopley said the move to admit non-choristers had not been prompted by any decline in the number of applicants. Last year 60 aspirants auditioned for just eight places.

And he added that although admitting full-fee paying pupils would make the school "more financially viable" it would still need support from voluntary donors.

● One of England's oldest grammar schools is expected to announce today that it will become the first state school to opt out of local authority control.

The result of a ballot of parents at Skegness Grammar School is expected to show strong support for taking the school, founded in 1459 as the Magdalen College School in Wainfleet, near by, out of the control of Lincolnshire County Council.

The endorsement will enable the governors to make an application to the Government for permission to take over the running of the school.

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Petrol bombers ambush Likud campaign car

Israeli planes in deadly election-day raid

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli planes over Lebanon delivered a deadly and vengeful election-day message to Palestinians early yesterday hitting two refugee camps near Sidon and an armed base just south of Beirut.

The attacks, on known strongholds of the Palestine Liberation Organization, came in retaliation for Sunday evening's petrol bombing of a bus near Jericho in which an Israeli mother and her three young children died.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, had earlier blamed the PLO for inspiring the petrol bombing through its calls to resist Israeli occupation.

Even as the planes were returning safely to base, however, an Israeli car, plastered with posters for the right-wing Likud Party, was hit with a petrol bomb as it travelled through Arab east Jerusalem. A woman was seriously burnt and two male passengers were slightly injured.

Like yesterday's air raids in south Lebanon the petrol bomb was a clear sign from the Palestinian side that force will be met with force.

Despite swift and massive reprisals in Jericho against the Palestinian community, where the petrol bombers lived, and despite the near certainty of being caught, the attack on the car went ahead. As happened at Jericho there was a quick round up of suspects and 30 were held for questioning. If the Jericho pattern is followed the homes of those who confess will be destroyed long before they appear in court. In Jericho traffic is once more moving up and down the Jordan Valley road past the spot where Sunday's attack occurred.

The banana trees and orange groves which may have given hiding to the attackers have been flattened and roadside date palms uprooted.

The homes of two of the three who are said to have confessed to the attack on the bus have been blown up and the other levelled by bulldozers. Troops have also demolished the homes of four other families who were said to have been involved in other petrol-bomb attacks in the same area. They confessed after being questioned about the bus attack.

The three suspects are all members of the same family and five brothers from it, aged between 23 and 14, have been arrested along with two of their cousins. According to Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, the Chief of Staff, the attackers were "simple, if not primitive people, motivated by a desire to attack".

They had decided to stage the ambush on the bus only on impulse while playing a game of cards earlier on Sunday evening. Since their arrest they have confessed to a number of other attacks which show that they had experience in knowing how to slow a bus down with rocks in the road to make it easier to hit it with petrol bombs.

Army reports show that around 150 such bombs have been thrown in the Jericho area since the start of the Palestinian uprising nearly 11 months ago.

Arabs, waiting to be questioned after a petrol-bomb attack on a Likud Party campaign car in east Jerusalem, are guarded by an Israeli policewoman armed with an Uzi submachine-gun. Three passengers, one a woman, were injured in the attack.

No fewer than 100 of them have been thrown at the same spot as on Sunday. None of the others had caused injuries. Over the same period 1,275 petrol bombs have been logged in the occupied territories by the Army and 40 buses have been destroyed by them. On at least 2,000 other occasions buses have been damaged with stones or heavy objects thrown at them. For some time the Army escorted all buses driving through the Jordan Valley but stopped this practice six weeks ago. The commander of the area, Major-General Amram Mitzna, has now promised to step up security for buses.

Meanwhile, a group of prominent Palestinian moderates living in Jerusalem and the territories have signed a statement saying that the Jewish victims of Jericho and the Palestinian victims ... reflect the tragic side of the conflict in the area".

A PLO spokesman in Cairo condemned the "killings of Israeli civilians. Whoever the perpetrators, such acts underline the dire need for peace."

The statement did not claim responsibility for the attack so endorsing General Mitzna's claim that the petrol bombers were not members of any Palestinian group but had struck at random without even realizing that it was on the eve of the Israeli election.

Nevertheless, the PLO is seen by both sides of the Government to have inspired the attack and that is why the war planes attacked again yesterday.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Hijack guilty plea by Palestinian

Valletta — Mohammed Ali Rezaq, aged 25, the Palestinian hijacker of an Egyptair Boeing 737 to Malta in 1985 pleaded guilty yesterday to seven charges and faces huge prison sentences (Austin Sammutt writes).

Rezaq admitted hijacking the aircraft, keeping 57 passengers in custody against their will, murdering an Israeli and an American citizen, and attempting to murder an Egyptian, two Israelis, an Australian, and another American.

On November 23, 1985, with two or three other persons, he hijacked the Egyptian aircraft to Luqa Airport. After nearly two days the plane was stormed by a special Egyptian commando force, resulting in the deaths (mainly caused by fumes) of the large majority of passengers and all the hijackers except Rezaq. The pilot, Egyptian Captain Hani Galal, also survived.

Judgement is expected tomorrow. Besides two life sentences for murder, Rezaq could face imprisonment for a minimum period of 28 years and a maximum of 90 years.

Italian kidnap ordeal

Alghero, Sardinia (Reuter) — Kidnappers used nail clippers to tear off part of the right ear of Signor Giulio De Angelis, the Italian property tycoon, during 142 days of terror before freeing him for a record ransom, Signor Giuseppe Lavaggi, his lawyer, said yesterday.

Signor De Angelis, father of the late Formula One racing driver, Elio De Angelis, was snatched from his luxury villa on Sardinia's Costa Smeralda on June 12 by four masked men armed with sawn-off shotguns. He was handed over to family emissaries on a road in the centre of the Mediterranean island on Monday evening after the last instalment of a 3-billion-lire (£1.3 million) ransom was paid. A family priest was held briefly during the transaction.

Punjab blasts kill 17

Delhi — In one of the worst day's violence in recent months, 17 people were killed and more than 60 injured in three bomb explosions on the borders of the troubled state of Punjab yesterday (Our Own Correspondent writes). The bombings, being blamed on Sikh extremists, follow the deaths of 11 people in separate shootings on Monday night.

The upsurge in violence close to the border with Jammu and Kashmir, is being seen as an attempt by the militants to disrupt the *Diwali* national religious holiday next week when hundreds of families travel to the north.

Plea for Gorbachov

Aachen, West Germany — President von Weizsäcker of West Germany called yesterday for Europe to support the Gorbachov reforms. In a clear reference to Mrs Thatcher, the President rebuffed "warning voices" which accused Bonn of showing "blind optimism" about the Gorbachov leadership (Richard Owen writes).

The President was speaking in Aachen's Town Hall, where he presented Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and President Mitterrand of France with the Charlemagne prize for their contribution to European security and unity.

Kabul's new missiles

Moscow (AP) — The Afghan Army displayed in Kabul yesterday powerful new long-range missiles that will be targeted at rebel rocket posts, Tass reported. The news agency quoted the Afghan general staff as saying the new weapons had "great destructive power", but gave no other description. It said they would be tested last night.

Tass did not say if the missiles had been supplied by the Soviet Union. However, Soviet spokesmen and media have repeatedly said that Moscow would take action if the rebels continued shelling Kabul and other Afghan cities.

Kidnap plot denied

Dubai (Reuter) — Two Irishmen charged with the attempted kidnap of a girl, aged five, from her father in the United Arab Emirates pleaded not guilty, court officials said yesterday. The Khor Fakkan court held the first hearing yesterday. Police arrested Mr Gerard Flynn, aged 25, and Mr Dennis Denehy, aged 28, on September 4 after the two took Nadine, daughter of Dr Sameer Nassir, a Jordanian, from his house. Police said the two planned to take her back to her mother in Dublin. Miss Anne McManus, formerly Dr Nassir's wife, is being tried in her absence for complicity.

Nasser trial begins to the chant of nationalism

From Christopher Walker
Cairo

The ghost of Gamal Abdul Nasser, the late President still revered by millions as the hero of Arab nationalism, returned to haunt the Egyptian Government yesterday. The trial of his son and nephew, and 18 others charged with attacks on Israeli and US diplomats, opened amid the tightest security yet seen in an Egyptian court house.

The proceedings, which have attracted maximum attention in the Arab world, are taking place less than two miles from the magnificent mausoleum where the leader of the 1952 revolution was interred. Often the proceedings are interrupted by chants from the public benches evoking Nasser's name to back the attacks.

The trial, which began sensationally with a walk-out by all the defence lawyers in protest against the blanket security and the alleged early admission of an Israeli legal observer (described by one advocate as an "Israeli dog") is the most sensitive in recent Egyptian history.

It has placed in the dock the country's nine-year-old peace treaty with Israel, to which all the defendants are opposed and which has come under growing strain in recent months as a result of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Nasser's eldest son, Khaled, aged 38, and his nephew, a doctor, were both absent abroad when the court opened. The other defendants — including former members of the security forces — took their places in metal cages which line the court. It was guarded by armoured personnel carriers mounted with light machine guns and hundreds of steel-helmeted soldiers carrying fixed bayonets.

As the defendants arrived, relatives gathered in the car park of the exhibition ground where the security court was set up and began screaming support and shouting slogans like "Allah Akhbar" (God Is Great) and "Long Live Egypt's Revolution", the name of the group which began its way of terrorism in 1984.

In the absence of Khaled Nasser, who is in Yugoslavia, the best-known defendant was Mahmoud Noureddin Soliman, who had a red rose in his buttonhole. "The Allah of the revolution" (as he told us) had served for many years as a senior intelligence operative at Egypt's Embassy in London.

As court officials sought a deal with more than a dozen defence lawyers, Mr Soliman, watched by two wives and three daughters seated separately in the public benches, gave an impromptu press conference from the cage in which he was held with four others.

He lambasted the Camp David peace accord and dismissed the threat of the death penalty now hanging over his head. Egyptians in the gallery frequently applauded.

Was it true that he had served as an intelligence officer in London where he nominally held a junior embassy post until 1979? "Yes. I had the honour to be working there. I was only working against Zionism and not against the British."

The principal defendant, who at one stage was shown the birth certificate of a new-born Egyptian recently named after him, was cheered as he led the chanting against the three judges who solemnly entered the court, of the clandestine group's favourite slogan: "No Israelis In Egypt."

The good-humoured atmosphere of the press conference altered when Mr Soliman, who repeatedly claimed that the group had only killed or wounded men known to be agents of the Israeli or US intelligence services, turned on an Egyptian-born reporter from a French news agency who had asked a question. "You look Jewish, by the way," he said.

The defendants face a variety of charges including the killing of two Israeli Embassy personnel, the wounding of six others, and the wounding of two Americans. They are also accused of attempting to undermine Egypt's security and its links with Israel and the US.

Eleven of the accused, including Nasser's engineer son, face the death penalty for complicity in the wounding of an Israeli official, Mr Zbi Kadar, in 1984, the killing of two Israeli officials in Cairo in 1985 and 1986 and attacking two Americans here last year. Nine others, including Nasser's nephew, Mr Gamal Shawki Abdel Nasser, face jail terms on lesser charges.

Because of the lawyers' walk-out, little judicial business was achieved beyond a reading out of the names of the defendants. The presiding judge, Emad el-Din Ismail, looked bemused by the pandemonium and adjourned proceedings for 24 hours, promising the defence better access to their voluble clients.

Gulf War peace talks

Pérez de Cuéllar seeks exchange of prisoners between Iran and Iraq

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, attempted to achieve progress in the Iran-Iraq peace negotiations in Geneva yesterday by trying to persuade both sides to agree to a prisoner exchange.

Achieving a start to the exchange of PoWs — about 60,000 Iraqis and up to 40,000 Iranians — emerged as a priority for the UN as the third round of negotiations opened yesterday at the Palais des Nations.

Progress in the two previous rounds was blocked by Iraq's claim to sovereignty over the Shatt al-Arab, connecting the port of Basra with the sea at the head of the Gulf.

The Iranians want the clearing of the waterway, long obstructed by sunken ships and silt, to be done in full recognition that the frontier is along its median line. The 1975 Algiers Treaty, which sets this out, was torn up by President Hussein of Iraq at the start of the Gulf War.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar has suggested that the question of sovereignty be temporarily set aside so that the repatriation of PoWs can proceed. A tentative start has been made over the past few days with the return to their respective countries of seriously wounded and sick prisoners.

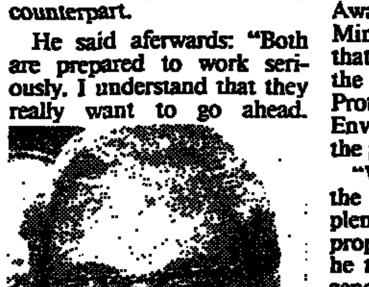
The UN hopes that once the prisoner exchange is agreed, the negotiators can move on to troop withdrawal to the internationally recognized frontiers except, for the moment, that along the Shatt.

Any move back from forward positions, strengthened in several areas since August 2O in violation of the ceasefire, would ease a situation described by the 350-strong UN military observer corps as continuing to be "inherently unstable".

Typical of the intractability of both sides is Iraq's refusal to permit direct flights between Tehran and Baghdad, across the ceasefire lines, for the UN aircraft carrying Major-General Slavko Jovic, the Yugoslavian chief UN observer, and his senior staff. The UN group is required to spend alternate weeks in the respective capitals, and its plane is now forced to take a circuitous route over neighbouring countries.

Before resuming the negotiations, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar conferred separately with Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, and Mr Tariq Aziz, his Iraqi counterpart.

He said aferwards: "Both are prepared to work seriously. I understand that they really want to go ahead. Anyway, that is — it has to be — my assumption."



Señor Pérez de Cuéllar: Bid to move stalled talks.

● **KUWAIT:** Eight Gulf states, overcoming political differences between Iran and Iraq, yesterday approved a Kuwaiti plan to clear the Gulf of mines, wrecks and pollution left by their eight-year-old war (Reuter reports).

Mr Abdul-Rahman al-Awadi, the Kuwait Planning Minister, said they had agreed that the executive council of the Regional Organization for Protection of the Marine Environment should carry out the plan.

"We have agreed to entrust the executive council to implement what Kuwait has proposed concerning clearing he told reporters after emergency talks by the organization'a ministers which began on Monday.

Kuwait proposed a joint survey of territorial and international waters to determine the extent of hazards to shipping and the marine environment caused by the war and suggested that a committee should report back.

Amnesty accuses Ankara on torture

By Nicholas Beeston

Turkish police and security forces frequently torture political and criminal suspects and five prisoners, including a boy aged 13, have died from their injuries in custody this year, Amnesty International says in a report released today.

The highly critical report is expected to come as a blow for the Government in Ankara which has been eager to promote its commitment to democratic principles, the main condition for its becoming a member of the EEC.

According to Amnesty, people have been arrested and imprisoned for "writing letters, listening to music, signing petitions, singing songs and making speeches".

Journalists, trade unionists, suspected left-wing and Kurdish sympathizers and Islamic fundamentalists have been targets for arrest and several thousand political prisoners remain in custody, most after unfair trials. In the first six months of this year the Istanbul State Security Court confiscated more than 40 publications and put their staff on trial. In the first half of 1987 the same court heard 44 trials involving 128 defendants prosecuted for religious activities.

Although the London-based human rights organization, concedes that Turkey's notorious record has improved since an elected civilian government came to power five years ago, it accuses Ankara of being reluctant to make the necessary legal reforms to ensure respect for human rights.

Earlier this year Turkey signed and ratified the United Nations Convention against Torture and the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture, but there is still widespread beating, electric shock torture, and sexual abuse of prisoners.

In January, Emin Ozkaya, aged 13, died in custody at the Finike Gendarmerie station in south-west Turkey after he was arrested for stealing. The boy, a diabetic, had not been given medicine for three days and an autopsy report said that his back, knees, hands and feet were bruised

One particularly brutal attack occurred in April this year, when Saadet Akkaya, aged 16, was arrested

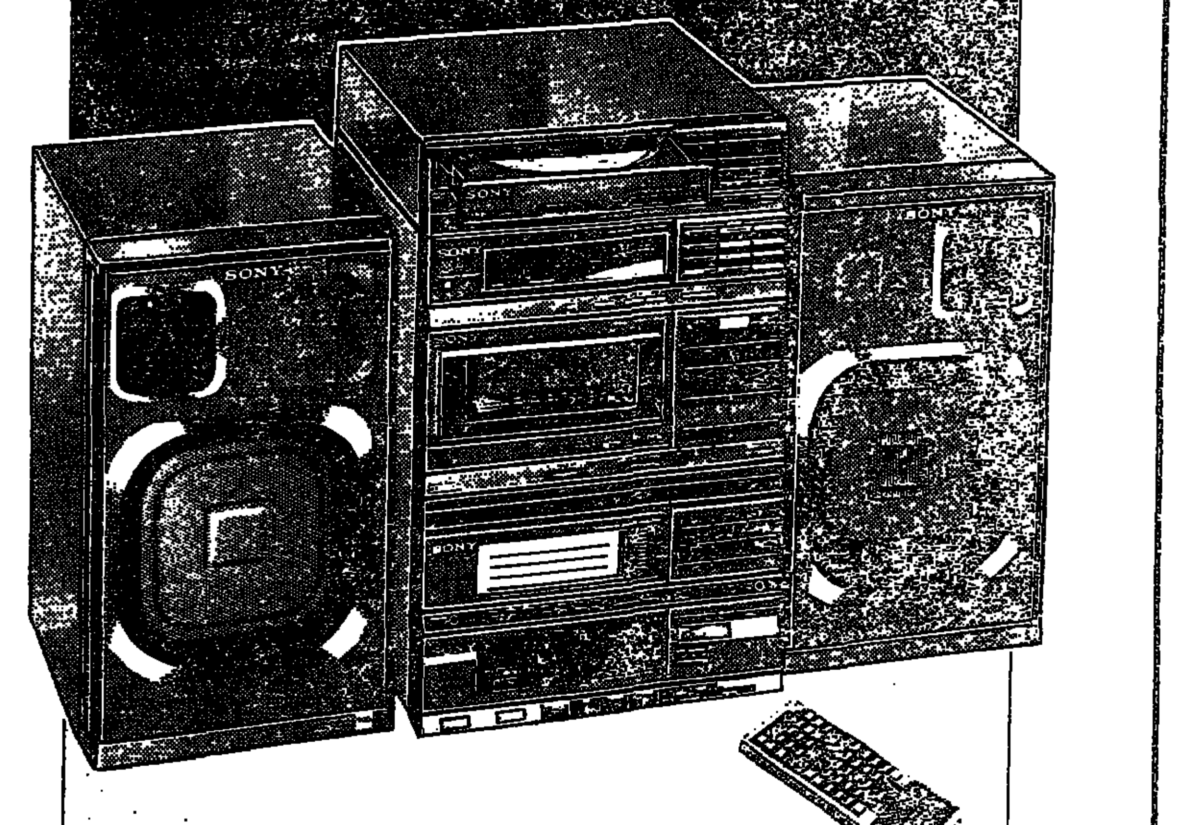
She says she was tied to a cross and suspended by her arms, stripped and raped by a policeman on the orders of a senior officer and given electric shocks on sensitive parts of her body.

A spokesman for the Turkish Embassy in London said the problem of torture had not been eradicated in Turkey but that the Government was making a sincere effort to end it and adhere to the European conventions on human rights.

He added that the Turkish Penal Code was under review by Parliament, and pointed out that there had been no executions of prisoners on death row for four years.

He said that Amnesty had failed to recognize that Turkey was making "sincere efforts" to improve its record.

Turkey Briefing: Amnesty International, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1 (£1.50).



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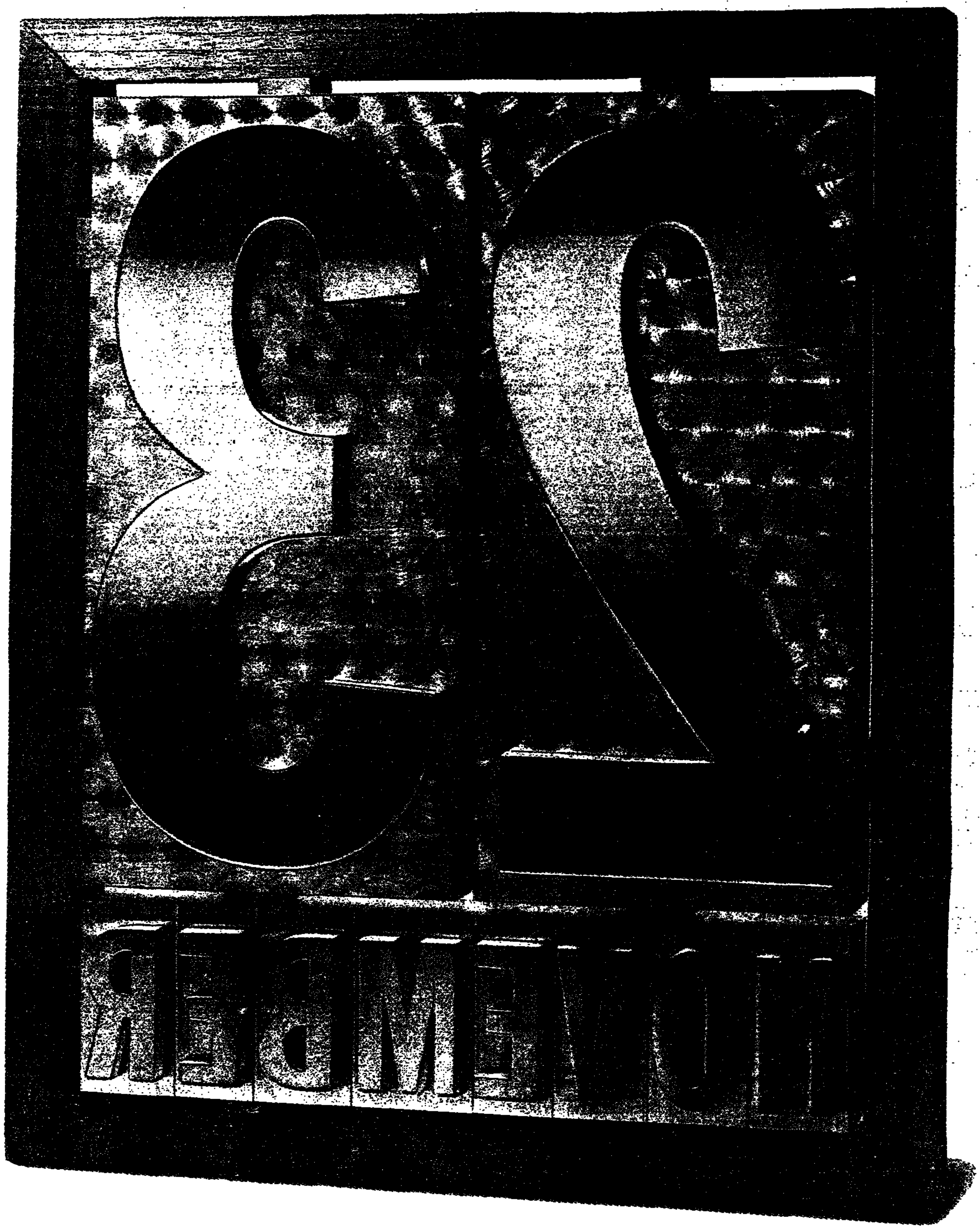

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Calm and confident Bush hits back over tactics

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Vice-President George Bush, pronounced remarkably fit by his White House doctor, was yesterday campaigning vigorously in the Midwest, and told reporters that he had no regrets about the hard-hitting negative campaign he has run against his Democratic rival, Governor Michael Dukakis.

Mr Bush said on NBC television and in an interview with *The Washington Post* that he had no regrets about the tone of his campaign. He also rejected suggestions that Americans were disgusted with his focus on such themes as prison furloughs and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs Kitty Dukakis, aged 51, had been admitted to the University of Minnesota hospital suffering from severe bronchitis and was due to undergo tests yesterday, her press spokesman, Mr Paul Costello, said.

"You're looking at a guy that was getting pounded out there, and suddenly things have gone better for me," he said. He displayed Democratic posters during his brief television interview that he claimed were unfair smears and jibes at him.

Yesterday, he returned to the crucial swing states of Michigan and Illinois, where both candidates are competing fiercely for support. He will fly back to California later this week.

Though looking tired, Mr Bush displays calm confidence on the trail. He told *The New York Times* that he had changed psychologically over the years and was now better able to handle stress.

He was no longer a chronic worrier as he was in 1960, when he suffered from ulcers and was forced to cut short a business trip to London after he had an attack at his hotel which was diagnosed as "mild food poisoning".

He no longer let troubles "eat me up" and "drive me up a wall". He had disciplined himself "not to worry about things you cannot do something about", he said, adding: "I can't say I don't ever get tense" but he could now "take the pounding and not react" the way he once did.

He said the loss from leukaemia of his daughter, Robin, aged three, when he was a young parent was the most stressful event in his life.

Mr Bush's remarks coincided with the front-page publication by the newspaper yesterday of details of his medical examination at Bethesda Naval Hospital in May.

Disclosure of the detailed private medical records of presidential candidates has become common in the US, as public disquiet about past concealments has created pressure for exhaustive reporting of their health.

The summary of Mr Bush's medical problems included:

- Duodenal ulcers in 1960 and 1966. No recurrence.
- Basal-cell skin cancer removed from face in 1986.
- Mild enlargement of prostate gland. Surgery not indicated.
- Allergic to bee stings. Receives injections regularly, and
- Mild osteo-arthritis of hips and knees.

Mr Bush exercises regularly outdoors, running and playing tennis, and uses indoor equipment in inclement weather.

His laboratory tests were all normal, his resting blood pressure was 108/84, heart function "excellent" and cholesterol level "desirable".

Mr Bush, revealed that he would donate his organs to be used after his death, but he had not discussed with his family how he wished to be treated if he became terminally or insupportably ill.

Asked what plans he had made, or would make, with his running mate, Senator Dan Quayle, if he became disabled or seriously ill, Mr Bush said: "None. I have not done it. It never occurred to me to do that."

He said his allergy to bee stings was quite serious and potentially life-threatening. After his last attack in 1978 he had had difficulty breathing.

He does not donate blood because of childhood hepatitis, and feels faint at the sight of hypodermic syringes, saying he once passed out in the Navy when he saw "the great big needle" used on others. Several years ago he suffered diarrhoea from an attack of irritable bowel syndrome, and in 1986 had a small, non-cancerous colon polyp removed.

He has never received psychological counselling, nor undergone blood tests for Aids, although he said he did not see "any problem" with doing so.

While campaigning, he has several times had trouble sleeping, but is reluctant to depend on sleeping pills. He usually has a light breakfast, and eats and drinks only in moderation.

He said he would not necessarily "rush out and have a press conference" if he had a health problem as President, and disclosures would in part depend on what was happening in the world.

The New York Times said it would also publish a health profile of Mr Dukakis.

Picture of health: A revitalized Vice-President George Bush, pronounced remarkably fit by his doctor, campaigning for votes in Kansas City yesterday.

500 Bosnia officials facing sack

Belgrade (Reuter) — At least 500 officials in Yugoslavia's central republic of Bosnia-Hercegovina will be sacked soon, the Belgrade newspaper *Politika* has reported.

The republic was shaken last year by Yugoslavia's biggest financial scandal involving the issue of up to $1 billion (£568,000) of false promissory notes by the Bosnian firm, Agrokomerc.

Jail vendetta

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) — Nine convicts have been killed by the Red Falange group which is trying to force authorities to move their drug-smuggling leaders out of a maximum security prison.

High note

Peking (Reuter) — A Chinese man has been arrested cashing a British banknote with a face value of £250,000, the *Shaanxi Daily* reported.

Asylum hope

Ankara (Reuter) — Doyna Priskarnita, the trainer of the Romanian women's fencing team, has asked for asylum here, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said.

Curfew lifted

Bujumbura (AFP) — A curfew imposed in Burundi after tribal massacres in the north last August has been lifted, the Interior Ministry has announced.

Dukakis finds fresh energy

From Charles Bremner, Youngstown, Ohio

Governor Michael Dukakis, zigzagging across the industrial Midwest yesterday, unleashing his long suppressed grin and, urging working-class voters to put a friend in the White House and keep out the "country club Republicans", adapted an old line from Lord Wilson of Rivaulx.

"In politics, seven days can be an eternity," the shirt-sleeved governor told a packed meeting in the steel centre of Youngstown, the heart of Ohio's run-down rust belt. "George Bush is spending too long in the club house looking at the statistics."

The national polls have yet to reflect the big swing Mr Dukakis has been claiming recently, but if the race was measured by energy, the Democratic candidate would be ahead. Long-time staff are still marvelling at his eleventh hour discovery of the scriptless, populist style that had eluded him for so long.

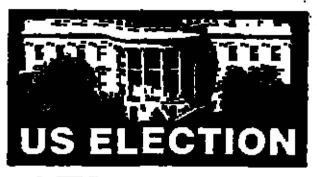
"I hope you can see the real Mike Dukakis and not the Mike Dukakis who has been appearing in Bush's ads," he told a teacher in Youngstown, after flying much of the night from southern California.

"I know what you're going through. I'm going to do everything I can to help us rebuild our basic industries," said the governor, who has dropped his old "ideology-free" style and has sounded this week more and more like an old-fashioned, "us-against-them" labour politician.

"We've got an epidemic on Wall Street. Hundreds of millions of dollars are being made by sharp operators," he said. "I'm not interested in sharp operators. I'm interested in lathe operators and machine operators."

After one citizen mistakenly referred to "President Bush", Mr Dukakis brought down the house by mimicking her. "President Bush, that sounds bad. Vice-President Quayle, that sounds even worse, doesn't it?"

But Mr Dukakis yesterday exuded none of his recent enthusiasm for describing himself as "a liberal in the tradition of Harry Truman and FDR", perhaps because purists like *The New York Times* said that the governor's historical heroes avoided the "*L-word*".



Winning the industrial vote in the big states of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania is the core of the Democrats' pared down strategy for upsetting Mr Bush — a prospect regarded as far-fetched given his lock on the heavy majority of states.

The issues: Unemployment

Democrats focus on the human cost

From Michael Binyon, Clarksburg, West Virginia

There are few people in this close-knit community who would not welcome a curb on cheap foreign imports and tough restrictions on hostile takeovers. Clarksburg, an old valley town among the West Virginia mountains, has suffered enough from both.

A year ago its largest industry, a profitable glass factory, was suddenly closed soon after the owners surrendered to a hostile takover. Almost 1,000 workers were thrown out of work. They lost their wages, their health insurance and their self-respect.

The town of 22,000 people was devastated, as unemployment shot up to 18 per cent and almost $200 million (about £120 million) was taken out of local spending. It seemed the worst in a series of blows to the mines, the railways, the glass works and the old industries that are deserting West Virginia.

Today Clarksburg has recovered a little. Unemployment has fallen 6 per cent. Local businessmen have fought to bring in new work and shake off this picturesque but poor state's image of decline. New hi-tech industries are springing up and transforming the weed-covered sites of former factories.

Short Brothers of Belfast is to join Pratt and Whitney in using the modern airport as a base for a regional aeronautics centre. The clean air, scenery and crime-free intimacy of the hard-working communities are vigorously marketed to tourists and industry alike.

But jobs are still paramount. In few places does the Dukakis slogan "good jobs at good wages" have such a significant and poignant ring as in Clarksburg. West Virginia is one of the Democrats' few strongholds south of New England. Job losses, foreign competition and the greed of corporate raiders are real issues to the people,

The skilled workers at the Anchor Hocking glass factory did not give in without a struggle. There was not the union militancy that in earlier days branded the impoverished mining towns in the south of the state. There were no strikes in August last year when the bolt came from the blue; the workers went on with their jobs until the factory closed in November.

But Clarksburg became a *cause célèbre*, a symbol of how takeovers and asset-stripping can kill a plant, even one functioning at a profit that has just undergone a $10 million expansion with money borrowed from the state treasury.

Local politicians were dismayed. The governor of West Virginia — a popular Republican serving his third term — even offered to buy the plant for the state until another owner could be found.

But all efforts failed. The parent company seemed determined to rid itself of the operation.

The new owners said cheap imports from the Far East were flooding the market, and they had to consolidate glass-making in Ohio.

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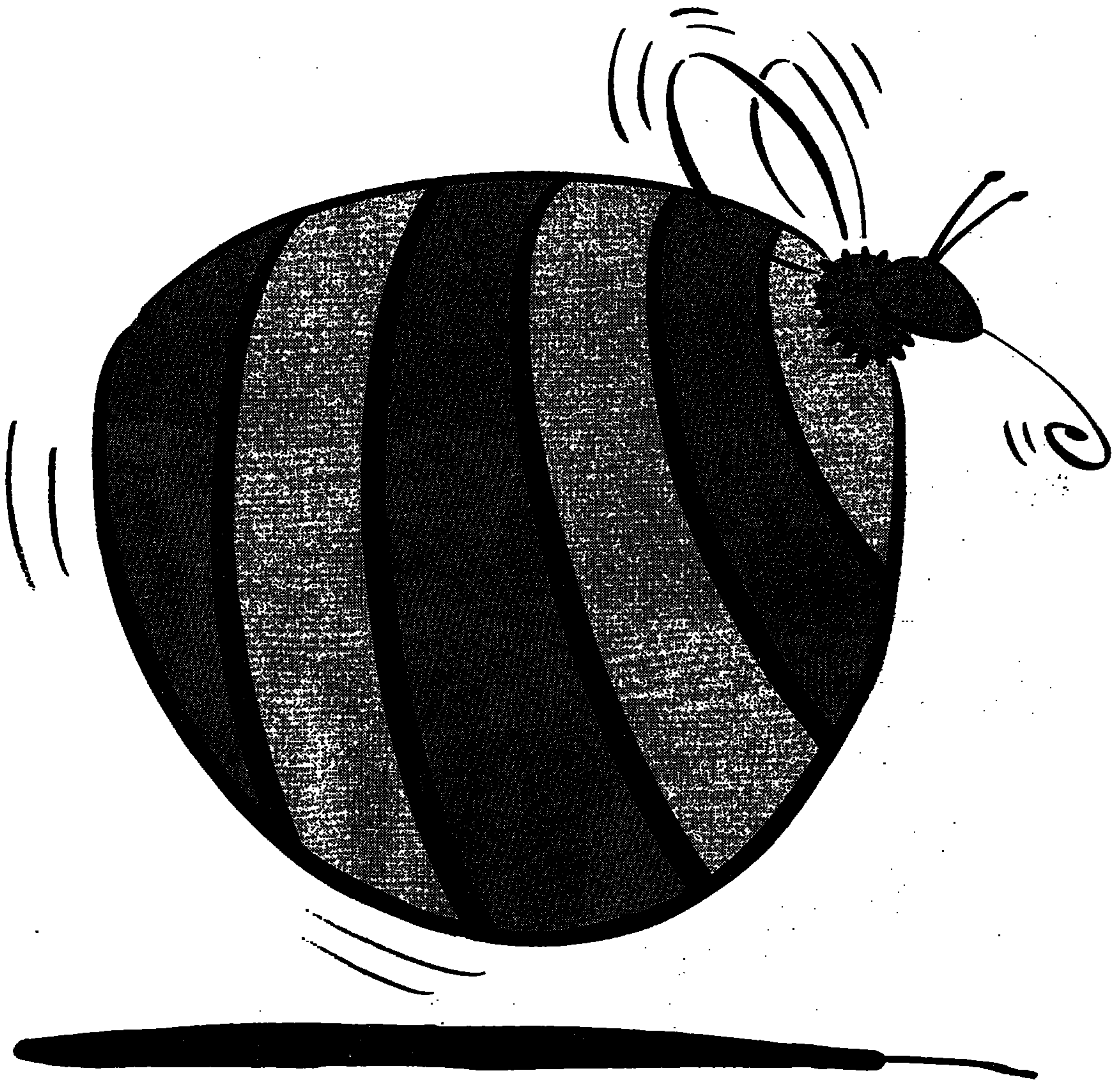

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Newspaper vows to fight on as Pretoria orders month's ban

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's most outspoken and widely respected anti-apartheid newspaper, *The Weekly Mail*, was closed for four weeks yesterday by Mr Stoffel Botha, the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Yesterday's closure marks the third time Mr Botha has used the emergency powers promulgated in August of last year. These enable him, after he has issued a series of warnings, to "suspend" for up to three months any publication which he deems to be "subversive".

"We have not yet assessed what we are going to do, but one thing is absolutely certain: the institution, the journalists, the skills and the determination are not going to disappear," Mr Anton Harber, one of the paper's co-editors, said. He added: "We will keep fighting."

Mr Botha accused *The Weekly Mail* of "systematic or repetitive publishing of matter which in my opinion has, or is calculated to have, the effect of causing a threat to the safety of the public or to the maintenance of public order, or is causing a delay in the termination of the state of emergency."

As well as fighting its battle for survival with the Government, *The Weekly Mail* has found itself under bitter attack from the Muslim community here because of its decision to invite Salman Rushdie to South Africa to speak at an anti-censorship seminar.

Fundamentalist Muslims have threatened demonstrations, and even violence against the internationally known novelist if his visit goes ahead. They claim his latest novel, *The Satanic Verses*, is "blasphemous" and shows disrespect to the Prophet Muhammad.

On Monday their views received semi-official support from the Directorate of Publications, which banned the book as undesirable on the grounds that it was "offensive to the religious convictions or feelings of South Africa's inhabitants".

Members of the staff of *The Weekly Mail* said yesterday that, despite the furore, Salman Rushdie still was expected to arrive here later this week. He is scheduled to address the seminar in Cape Town on Friday.

The Weekly Mail was started mainly by writers who had previously worked for the *Rand Daily Mail*, South Africa's most famous crusading anti-apartheid daily newspaper, which was closed by its owners in April, 1985, after years of financial losses.

Johannesburg (AP) — The Department of Prisons made an unusual announcement yesterday, saying Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned African National Congress leader, is not dead. The department's public relations office in Pretoria said there had been rumours that he had died.

Mandela was transferred from Pollsmoor Prison, near Cape Town, to Tygerberg hospital in August, where he was treated for tuberculosis. He was then moved to the private Constantiaberg clinic where he remains in custody.

Starting out as little more than a news-sheet financed by the severance payments of former *Rand Dail Mail* workers, *The Weekly Mail* has grown to a 30-page publication selling on average about 21,000 copies a week, which is a quite respectable circulation by South African standards.

The newspaper's editors are white, but it has a dedicated, multi-racial staff of about 20 and belongs to the broadly liberal tradition of English-language journalism here.

The newapaper is valued for its sharp analysis of apartheid and its comprehensive reporting of events in the black townships, an area of South African life which has become less and less well covered by the mainstream newspapers under government censorship.

In its most recent issue, the newspaper's combative reporting style was reflected in a front-page story on the municipal elections, which appeared under the headline: "The gunpoint mandate".

The story claimed that only one black in 10 had gone to the polls in spite of an enormous government security operation aimed at producing a high turn-out.

It was articles in earlier issues of the paper about the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front, however, that appear to have drawn Mr Botha's particular ire. Their publication was held to have promoted the "public image or esteem" of outlawed or restricted organizations.

Other articles about atrocities allegedly committed by units of the South African Defence Force in Namibia and Angola were deemed to have "fomented feelings of hatred or hostility in members of the public" towards the Defence Force.

Mr Botha began issuing warnings to *The Weekly Mail* some time ago. He had already once previously threatened to ban it, but he relented at the last moment.

Even now he has not exacted the full three-month penalty which is provided for in the emergency regulations.

Two other radical newspapers, *South*, which circulates mainly among Coloured (mixed-race) people in the Cape Town area, and the Johannesburg-based *New Nation*, financed by the Roman Catholic Church and edited and written by blacks, were closed for varying periods earlier this year.

Tutu news film is released

Johannesburg (AP) — Security police yesterday returned confiscated news film of Archbishop Desmond Tutu after Worldwide Television News threatened legal action.

The film was shot at the weekend by Visnews and WTN, which is based in London, during the archbishop's visit to the remote fishing town of Port Nolloth, where 500 blacks face eviction for living illegally in the area. He toured the tent camp where the blacks live, met community leaders, gave interviews and held a church service.

Mr Mike Wills, the WTN bureau chief, said after collecting the tapes from security police headquarters in Pretoria: "We were given no reason why they were taken or any action that might result out of them. As we were preparing to go to court we received notification that the tapes were available for collection in Pretoria."

Censorship under the state of emergency bans or restricts reporting about unrest, security force actions, most peaceful protest and a broad range of statements considered subversive, including criticism of some policies.

Charisma and the promise of change

Bhutto's train brings out the crowds

From Anatol Lieven, Lahore

Miss Benazir Bhutto speaking to election crowds around her train at a station in the Punjab yesterday.

The crowd at the railway station in the country town south of here was not precisely hostile to us, but it had been waiting for Miss Benazir Bhutto for several hours. It was hungry, on edge with expectation, jubilation and throbbing music, partly high on hashish, and not far off hysteria.

It was also entirely male, and had evidently never seen a female Western journalist (who was accompanying me) in trousers before.

As we walked up the steps into the ticket-hall, it closed around us with a dangerous surge, knocking weaker elements off their feet and crushing others against the walls.

We were extricated by the Pakistan People's Party district president and his henchman. They formed a ring and forced a way out, and the president stood in the middle doing his best to exert his authority over the crowd.

The president — who is also a People's Party candidate for the National Assembly — is a great gentleman from a local land-owning family of Rajput origin. He is descended from princes, and his treatment of the two troublesome, uninvited, guests was princely.

He pulled us from the mob, invited us to his home, fed us and eventually got us on to Miss Bhutto's train, though only by detailing a considerable number of his personal followers and party workers to throw dancing, clutching youths out of our path.

After this experience, it would be difficult to avoid a note of caution when speaking of the enthusiasm with which Miss Bhutto has been received in northern Pakistan during this campaign.

There is no doubt that Miss Bhutto and her mother, Begum Nusrat, do exert a powerful hold on the masses. The Begum explains this phenomenon by saying that, for the people, she is a sort of symbolic mother figure, and Benazir a universal sister, seeking justice for the death of their husband and father.

This overcomes the incongruity of their leadership in a country where they are often the only women to be seen at their rallies, along with the painted figures on the garishly coloured film posters.

Their father stays in the memories of the masses as a man who gave them pride and confidence, though even supporters often realize that many promises were empty.

The appeal of his widow and daughter to the electorate is charismatic, and their leadership of the People's Party autocratic. None of the leaders on the Government side in these polls can match this prestige, even if they could agree which of them is the Islamic Democratic Alliance's candidate to be the next Prime Minister.

It is also true, however, that some at least of the hysterical enthusiasm for the Bhutto clan displayed during the past few days could equally well be directed at a visiting circus and its elephants — or two Western journalists.

Life for many unemployed and under-employed younger Pakistanis, especially outside the main cities, is not exactly full of novelty and excitement.

"Where else in Pakistan could I go to dance about in public," a Muslim League worker asked scornfully about the welcome for Miss Bhutto. And, indeed, youths waiting for the leader were often dancing with disco-like abandon. Youth, in particular, also feels acutely the various frustrations imposed by Pakistan's culture and present economic development.

The desire for change has concentrated itself on the Bhutto clan. However, they are not economic miracle workers. Their party is dominated by representatives of the propertied classes and the landed gentry, who may be enlightened and courteous and often genuinely desire a more open political order, but have a vested interest in opposing real social change.

Moreover, Pakistan is suffering from a large budget deficit. The International Monetary Fund is urging spending cuts and tax increases. State finances are largely dependent on American aid, and America has made it clear that this aid would be in danger if the future Pakistani Government adopted an economic policy of which the US disapproved.

The People's Party's economic programme promises much, but often vaguely. In their speeches, the Bhutto clan is mainly content with praising the virtues of the people and leading them in chants and rhyming couplets on this and similar subjects.

If the Bhutto clan does come to power, there are, therefore, likely to be a good many disappointed people, and especially young Pakistanis, living under them. The febrile mass enthusiasm of the past days could have turned into equally febrile rejection in a year from now.

● **KARACHI:** Mr Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, the chief of the Islamic Democratic Alliance, narrowly escaped injury while leading a procession on Monday when a truck belonging to his rival People's Party candidate rammed several cars in his home constituency at Moro in Sind region (Zahid Hussain writes).

At least 12 people were injured. Mr Jatoi, a former Chief Minister of Sind who left the People's Party in 1986, accused the opposition party's leaders of making an attempt on his life.

However, the owner of the truck said that the accident was caused by brake failure.

● **ISLAMABAD:** The chief ministers of Punjab and North West Frontier Province, who head controversial caretaker governments, said yesterday they would not accept a Bhutto as leader of a Pakistani Government after the November 16 elections.

General Fazle Haq, the North West Frontier Province Chief Minister, has warned that the proud Pathans of his province would not accept a Westernized young woman as President. He claimed Islam did not permit a woman to be leader.

Mr Nawaz Sharieff, the Punjab Chief Minister, said in a town near Lahore that the Bhutto clan were traitors financed by Pakistan's enemies.

"We will prefer to die and will not accept their government," he said.

Most of the parties opposing the electoral alliance of the chief ministers have demanded that President Ishaq Khan should dismiss the caretaker governments for their blatant use of government facilities and machinery to rig the coming elections and intimidate opposition.

Peace move fails in Sri Lanka

From Edward Gorman, Jaffna

There seems no prospect that the latest attempt by the Indian Government to implement last year's Indo-Sri Lankan Peace Accord will bring an end to hostilities in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka.

As an outcome of the recent merger of the two provinces, elections to a joint provincial council — laid down in the accord as a way of granting limited autonomy to the Tamils — are to go ahead on November 19.

In the face of a boycott by the community's main militant group, the Tamil Tigers, which is fighting for an independent state of Eelam and is opposed to the accord, the Indians are now supporting two of its rival groups, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front and the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization.

Leaders of these two groups, who say they are satisfied with the self-government proposals for the so-called North-Eastern General Council, enjoy the protection of the peace-keeping force, estimated at 50,000, and have put up candidates for all the seats in the new Assembly.

In the Eastern Province, competing candidates of the minority Muslim Congress and the ruling, predominantly Sinhalese, United National Party, mean there will be at least a semblance of a democratic election on November 19, even without the participation of the Tigers.

Here in the North, however, where the population is almost entirely Tamil, the Tiger boycott has reduced the electoral process to the mere rubber-stamping of all 36 Revolutionary Front or Liberation Organization candidates, who will be automatically elected for want of opposition.

No decision has yet been made on where the 71-member council will sit, but the Eastern coastal city of Batticaloa, regarded as a Revolutionary Front stronghold, is considered the most likely possibility.

It is clear that the Front, in particular, is taking advantage of Indian support and the election process to steal a march on the Tigers. It is also taking the opportunity to avenge a Tiger attempt in 1986 to wipe it out when scores of its fighters died and hundreds were detained.

Colombo — Nine people, including four soldiers, were killed when guerrillas raided an army camp in north-western Sri Lanka yesterday (Vijitha Yapa writes). They escaped with a huge haul of weapons and ammunition.

For example, the shooting by Indian troops on Monday of the Tigers' political leader in the Eastern Province, known as "Francis", effectively was carried out by Front guerrillas, who led the soldiers to the Tiger hide-out.

Jaffna residents say the violence in the North is largley down to fighting between the two groups which, many claim, is encouraged by the Indians.

While it is difficult to assess what support the Revolutionary Front and the Liberation Organization command among majority moderate opinion, it seems highly unlikely that the new council will be regarded as legitimate and practicable, facing, as it does, both a boycott and the prospect of continuing violence against it and its supporters by the Tigers.

The Indians, meanwhile, are facing a credibility problem, having never recovered the confidence of the people after their big offensive against the Tigers at this time last year. Their current strategy, seen as further dividing the community, is not improving matters.

Back-room bankers of the new China

From Catherine Sampson
Chengdu

The back room is dingy, lit only by candles, one of which reveals a man in a heavy overcoat sitting at a desk and leaning over an abacus. In fact, there is a power cut, and this is the local money lender's — a pawn shop with a difference.

Charging an annual interest rate of between 60 and 96 per cent, and doing business worth 10,000 yuan (£1,600) daily, it is no wonder that Mr Chen Zhizhang, the manager, smiles as he explains that his enterprise is necessary in the initial stage of socialism.

"State banks won't lend to individuals," he says, "so I am doing a social service." The "initial stage of socialism" is the term popularized by Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Communist Party leader, to describe China's present state, in which various forms of ownership, including private, co-exist.

Mr Chen shakes his head sadly as he says that he does not have quite enough funds to comply when he is offered entire factories as surety for loans.

State banks do not want to lend to collectives any more, he explains, so local collective enterprises with a cash-flow problem come to him. He himself is suffering from the policy of the state banks — if they would lend his collective money, he would be willing to take on larger loans. Private houses — of which there are an increasing number in prosperous and progressive Chengdu — he can cope with, at around 20,000 to 30,000 yuan.

In the front room, which opens on to the street, there is a silver-speckled, dream-machine Yamaha, pawned for 20,000 yuan. The owner, who runs a small collective, needs the cash to conduct a deal, explains Mr Chen. The chances of him reclaiming his pride and joy are dwindling — the loan has already been extended twice.

The state banks have an eye on Mr Chen's blooming business. "They would be happy to give us money if we let them take over the management," says Mr Chen, whose face betrays his lack of affection for these institutions. "That's no good. They don't know how to run this sort of business. They're far too rigid."

Pawn shops were banned as exploitative in 1949, along with gambling and prostitution. Now all three are making a comeback, and not only in this south-western provincial capital, which is one step ahead of most places in implementing reforms.

Over the past few years, Chengdu has become an entrepreneurial centre, where private and collective businesses are driving out the state-owned sector. The first post-liberation pawn shop opened here less than a year ago and since then others have appeared in similarly advanced cities.

Chengdu now has three companies, with six branches. Mr Chen's Huamen Company is already the largest, and it opened only in July.

The collective started with capital of 500,000 yuan, the proceeds from a commercial company run by the same people and under the same name. The majority of the 25 staff have also each invested at least 500 yuan of their own, and receive interest at an annual rate of 24 per cent.

Between 50 and 80 per cent of the market value of any item is offered as a loan for a period of one to three months. Interest is charged at between 4 and 6 per cent per month, and an administration fee of between 1 and 2 per cent a month is added. Mr Chen says that most people reclaim their goods. If they don't, small items are sold at a monthly street sale, while pawned wholesale stock is distributed to retail outlets.

Testing credulity to its limit, Mr Chen, aged 52, who used to be a clerk in the local government finance department, admits to an income of only 300 yuan per month. Although this is roughly twice what a worker in a state-owned factory might earn, in Chengdu even a pedicab driver makes around 1,000 yuan a month, and, what's more, does not consider himself particularly well-off.

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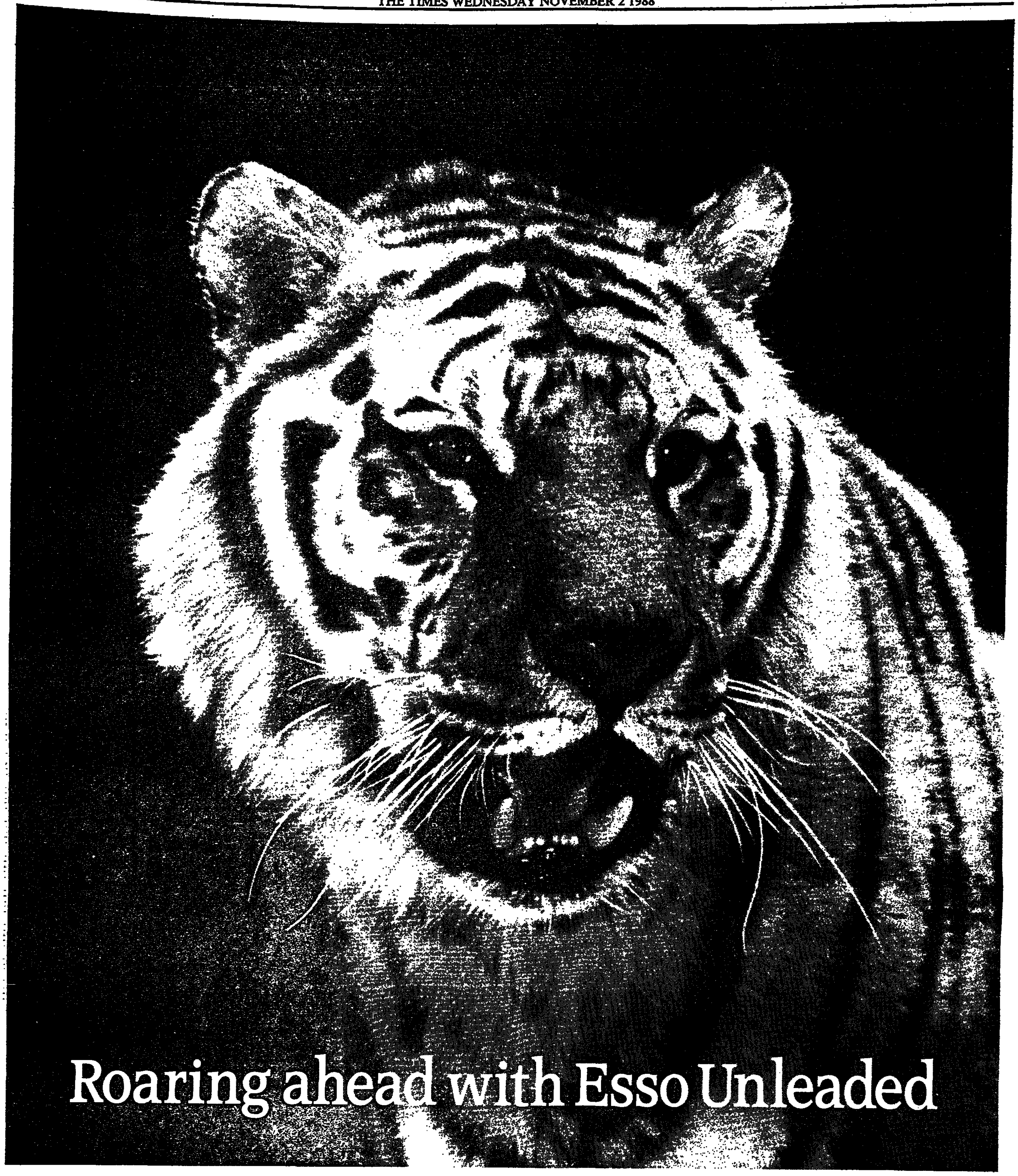

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On the wings of danger

The roseate tern, the corncrake, the red kite and the peregrine falcon are all threatened. Simon Barnes considers the message of warning they have for us all

There is always something risible about birds. You only have to mention a bar-tailed godwit, a ferruginous duck or anything lesser spotted, to set a table on a roar. Mention that you saw a ring-necked parakeet near Staines, and that the bird is on the British List to boot, and you will have them begging for mercy.

But there is a web that links the life of the most bizarrely named bird — say, the lompobattang flycatcher — to the very future of the planet. Or, if you prefer a narrower view, the future of the human race. To quote the foreword of the newly published *Rare Birds of the World*: "Conservation is far from a luxury, for its central tenets are ecological stability and the sustainability of resource exploitation, and hence real economic balance."

Our lives and those of our grandchildren are inextricably bound up with the future of the solitary tinamou, a bird from the forests of Brazil. Or to be more parochial, with the lives of such birds as the peregrine falcon, red kite, corncrake and roseate tern: four British birds that are now under global threat.

One thousand species of birds, or 10 per cent of all species, are threatened with extinction. These are listed in the *Red Data Book* of the International Council for Bird Preservation. About 100 species have been wiped out in the last 600 years.

Three of the four British birds mentioned are in the *Red Data Book*, or are listed by the ICBP as candidates for it. The fourth, the roseate tern, is declining rapidly.

The peregrine is Britain's only full member of the *Red Data Book*. The bird is under threat through most of its range, even though the population is now returning to healthier levels in Britain. The birds were long the target of gamekeepers; during the Second World War they were destroyed to protect message-carrying pigeons, and after the war they were decimated by pesticide.

Such poisons as DDT and Dieldrin are particularly dangerous to birds of prey, which are at the top of the food chain — the birds that eat the birds that eat the poisoned insects. Now the use of DDT is banned in Britain and restricted in much of Europe. Such conservation organizations as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds rightly count this a major success.

Does this mean that Britain is leading the way in conservation? We still make enormous quantities of DDT and sales of it to the Third World have doubled in eight years. *Rare Birds of the World* says that the manufacturers make £13 billion a year by providing substances that "poison their freshwater sources, their people and their wildlife . . . The extent of this is demonstrated by a recent report, that 70 per cent of all the freshwater sources throughout India are now polluted by a combination of pesticides, factory effluent and sewage." Britain is still killing peregrines.

The recklessness of agriculture, an industry which should think in centuries, is an ever-present nightmare for conservationists. Though in fact, the corncrake once did rather well out of agriculture. It is a bird that likes grassland, and has a delightful onomatopoeic scientific name: *Crex crex*. The sound was a familiar one across British hayfields before the last war.

But agricultural changes have done for it. Farmers no longer cut hay late in the year: they make several cuts for silage. When one of those cuts coincides with the nesting time of the corncrake — so much the worse for the corncrake. Also, there may have been some subtle climatic change that has affected the population of the birds.

There are still a few corncrakes left in western Ireland and the Hebrides, although there are fears that even these could be threatened by an EEC-sponsored trend towards intensified farming. The RSPB is running a research project on the birds and one of the suggestions it has come up with is that the crofters be asked to mow their fields, not from hedge to centre, but the other way round: in ever *increasing* circles. That way the birds are not driven to the centre and obliteration at the final turn of the blade — instead, they are driven outwards, to safety. Farmers are also being asked not to destroy nettle and iris beds. Intense "green desert" farming is inimical to all birds.

The red kite is very rare. Only 47 pairs laid eggs this summer in Britain, all in Wales. They reared 38 young. This is still an improvement on the beginning of the century, when there were only half a dozen pairs recorded. Shotguns and the leaving of poisoned bait for foxes and crows — now illegal — were to blame.

Pressure on the birds continues. "Attitudes *have* changed," says Graham Elliott, species protection officer at the RSPB. "Red kites are still restricted by poison and persecution, but we hope that our efforts, and those of the Nature Consevrancy Council, are bringing a more enlightened approach."

The final threatened species, the the roseate tern, is a pretty bird with a dashing flight and a tinge of rosé in spring. The reasons for its decline are not obvious.

Climatic shifts and small alterations in sea temperature have been put forward. There is also a horrible form of direct persecution. In Ghana, where the birds winter, small boys catch them on fishing lines — a hook, baited with a fish, drawn through the sea. They play with the birds until they are dead, and then catch another. This goes on despite efforts to stop it.

There is no simple explanation for a bird's problems, and no simple answer. As with everything to do with conservation, it is all linked, all part of the web. But the greatest problem is habitat destruction.

According to the RSPB those areas under the most serious threat in Britain are estuaries, uplands, and lowland heath. Because Britain has a lot of estuaries, it is internationally important as a wintering ground for estuary birds — mostly waders living on invertebrates in the estuarine mud. If the estuary is developed (for example, the splendid Hayle estuary, Cornwall, is under threat for development as a leisure resort) then the birds are destroyed. They cannot go to the next estuary along the coast and stand closer together. Estuaries are at capacity already.

Uplands are being systematically destroyed through over-grazing and afforestation. Overgrazed upland is virtually birdless — meadow pipit and skylark are all you find. The breeding waders, the merlin, and the short-eared owl will be absent. EEC subsidies, which are linked to the number of sheep grazed, lead to an inevitable tendency to overgraze, and thus to degrade the environment. Pressure of human population is threatening the southern heathlands, particularly around Bournemouth. The argument runs that, since heath is no use agriculturally, you might as well build on it. Nightjar, stonechat and the spectacular Dartford warbler are all wiped out as a result.

The solution is statutory protection: to have a place declared a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and better still, a Special Protection Area. With enough clout (perhaps money would be the right word) it is not impossible to build on an SSI. The Government is reluctant to declare SPAs. "I don't say, 'don't develop at all'," Elliott says. "But develop on low-quality agricultural land instead. That's no great loss."

With the emergence of Tory ecology, and the new phenomenon of turquoise politics, one might look for a change of emphasis. The RSPB and other conservation organizations will certainly be lobbying for one.

Rare Birds of the World says, "The conservation of wildlife has to be seen in the context of man's own survival. Where wildlife thrives, it is an indication of a healthy natural environment. Where it declines, or has been wiped out, the environment is clearly degraded and man has taken another step towards his own classification as an endangered species."

- Rare Birds of the World *by Guy Mountfort (illustrations by Norman Arlott), published by Collins, £12.95.*
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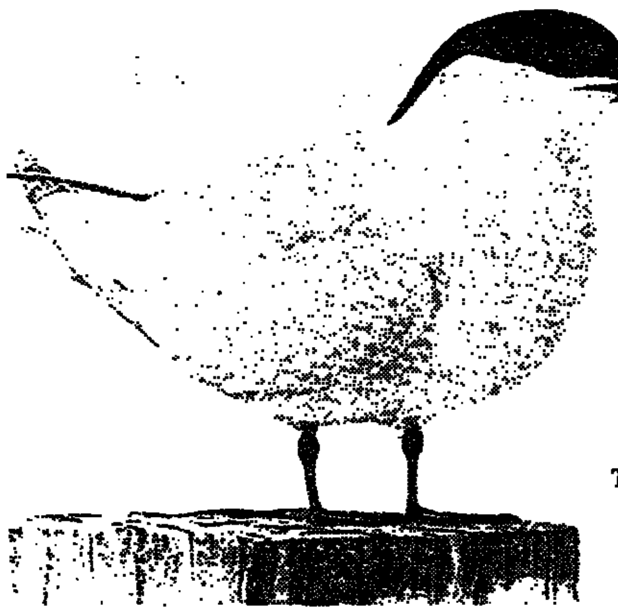
JONATHAN PLAYER

Threatened: Britain's peregrine falcon population was almost wiped out by shooting and the use of pesticides



Threatened: the roseate tern, hunted in its winter habitat

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Confessions of a private eye

An ex-professor emerges from the underworld to tell tales about his seedy life

ANN RHONEY

Life on the edge: "Tink" Thompson is never far from danger on his San Francisco beat

When a suspected Japanese terrorist was arrested near New York a few months ago with a bomb in his car, his lawyer called in Josiah Thompson, the man who must surely rank as America's classiest and most unusual private eye.

Small, craggy-faced "Tink" Thompson, aged 53, has earned his name in the past decade working the mean streets of San Francisco, the home town of Sam Spade. He rakes around in the bleak, messy world of dope dealing, murder, blackmail, divorce and sundry human frailties.

Thompson is, as was Chandler's Philip Marlowe, "a man who is not himself mean", although he insists there is nothing noble about the private detective. He packs no iron when he ventures out on foot, motorcycle, or in his battered Volvo.

Until he pulled off one of the more unlikely career changes in 1976, Thompson was living the life of a comfortable professor of philosophy at Haverford, the respected Quaker university in Pennsylvania.

He was an acclaimed biographer of Kierkegaard and he had a gilt-edged background that included a Yale Ph.D., Oxford, Copenhagen and a stint in the US Navy.

More than a decade on, and a world away from cosy academia, "the professor" has explained his mid-life leap to the edge in *Gumshoe, Reflections in a Private Eye*. The book is part confession and part thriller, a return to words by a man who chose to shun them in search of what he calls clarity in a life of action.

Inspiring him throughout was Dashiell Hammett, the father of the tough-talking anti-hero Sam Spade, and the only working detective of the famous fiction writers. In *The Maltese Falcon*, Thompson's icon, "Hammett really had gotten it right, gotten the bleakness right".

Thompson keeps coming back to the bleakness of life, as he tells his tale sitting smoking in the brilliant California light near Bolinas, his coastal home north of the Golden Gate.

His switch to detective work began as a lark to take his mind off his marital crisis, when he came to California to write a book on Nietzsche. Hal Lipsett, a legendary local sleuth, gave him a surveillance job and he was amazed to find he loved it.

He writes: "Surveillance is the detective's paradigm activity. The human eye was Pinkerton's original logo. The investigator's should always be the private eye, the eye that sees but is not seen. Traditionally, the eye that sees and is not seen is God's eye. Is that what the surveillance man seeks?"

There are shades of le Carré there, one of the few writers who Thompson also thinks gets it right. And lest anyone imagines the professor has risen to the plusher ranks of the trade, Thompson still pounds the pavement, works the doorbells and sits waiting, an eye on the rear-view mirror, for his "subject" to move.

A little boy acting out fantasies, perhaps? A bit of a Hemingway, probably. Thompson admits as much.

Nancy, the wife who stayed with him through the career change, says they are happy now and she would not switch back to university life for the world.

Thompson now specializes in criminal defence, though he still does divorce and other work. For $85 (£50) an hour, plus expenses, you can hire him to help get you out of a jam.

With his weathered, puckish looks and Beatle-type haircut, Thompson does not exude angst. He says he worries little about the morality of his craft, although he has been troubled by some cases, such as his successful mission to India to snatch the American-born child of an Indian architect. His men beat and tied up the father while they smuggled the girl back to the United States. The case is one of a collection he chronicles in the book.

The book ends a safe distance back, in 1980, but his publishers rejected the manuscript at first as a legal minefield.

"My job is to show the ambiguity," Thompson says, musing on the rights and wrongs of his trade over Saturday lunch.

Thompson kicked the philosophy business — he never finished the Nietzsche book — because the thinkers were trying to lift the lid on life and explain how it worked.

There are no formulas and neat endings in the real world, he says. "There are few successes. Most of what I do ends up with some degree of failure. Human life should be judged by the quality of its failure."

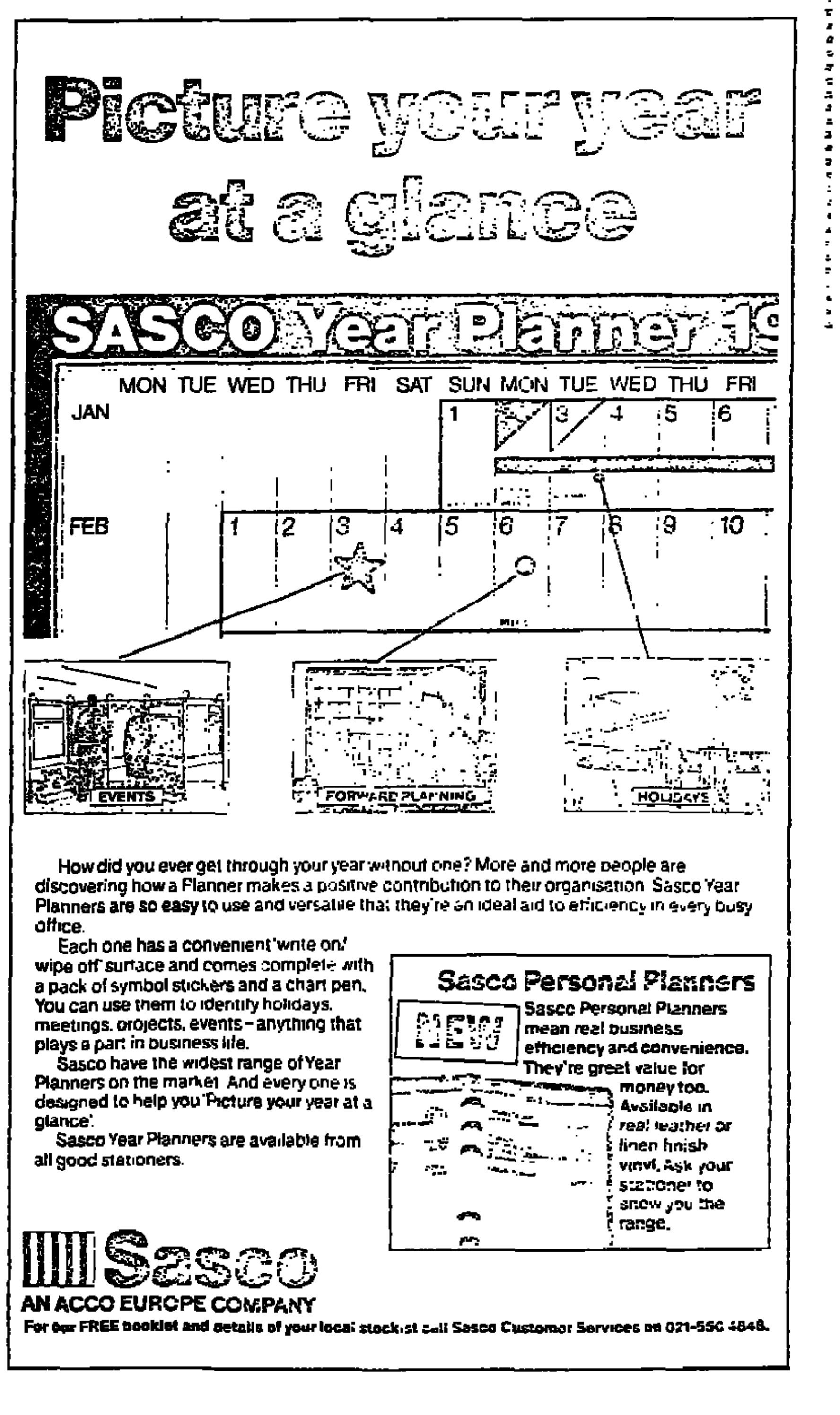
For all the style of Raymond Chandler, Thompson thinks the Los Angeles writer gets it wrong. Marlowe is too noble and even when he is being unscrupulous, it is always in a good cause. Life is more ambiguous. Spade better lives the "awful ambiguity of immediate experience" and reveals the lucidity beyond.

Thompson says the fundamental of being a detective is to find that quality and be true to himself. "As Sam Spade says: 'I won't play the sap for you'."

Charles Bremner

- Gumshoe, Reflections in a Private Eye, *by Josiah Thompson, will be published by Macmillan in the New Year.*

Craig Brown is unwell



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The Government mercilessly leant on potential rebels before last night's Commons vote on eye and dental charges. Signatories of the motion opposing the charges were summoned to meetings with health ministers and buttonholed by party bigwigs in the corridors. They were contacted by Mrs Thatcher's PPS, Mark Lennox-Boyd, by the party chairman, Peter Brooke, and by vice-chairman Peter Morrison and reminded of their party obligations. Some were threatened with reprisals. The whips even considered calling members of the Foreign Affairs Committee back from Moscow before realizing that two had signed the motion and were better kept away. On Monday evening, to the amusement of MPs, there was literally a trail of blood from the whips office across the members' lobby. It came not from a racalcitrant backbencher but from the injured paw of a Commons' sniffer dog.

Only four now remain in the contest to fight the Richmond (Yorks) by-election for the Tories after another half dozen were eliminated at the weekend. Heading the list for this safest of Tory seats is Mark Robinson, Welsh minister until defeated in Newport West at the last general election. Up against him is William Hague, whose speech as a 16-year-old stole the show at the 1977 party conference, and his friend Alan Duncan, who works in the oil industry. The fourth is Edward Garnier, a barrister who fought the Yorkshire seat of Hemsworth at the last election. The four names are due to be announced today.

The Conservative Party looks set to reject next week an application by Tories in Ulster's North Down constituency to be allowed to affiliate their newly-formed association to the National Union. As a consequence, MPs will be deprived of the rare and entertaining spectacle of an MP crossing the floor of the House. Jim Kilfedder, Ulster Popular Unionist MP for North Down, has hitherto sat on the Tory benches along with three Democratic Unionist MPs. He has told friends that he would be so disgusted were the application accepted that he would go over to the Opposition benches. The last MPs to cross the floor were Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, who left the Tories for the SDP in 1981, and Labour's Reg Prentice, who joined the Tories in 1977.

Will there ever again be an October general election? They were common until 1964. The last was in 1974. But there is now a powerful but as yet unspoken reason for choosing spring elections whenever possible: the prohibitive cost of cancelling the annual autumn conference of whichever party is in power. Security alone cost £1.4 million at last month's Tory conference, not to mention the enormous cost of hiring the conference centre, hotels, and rooms for receptions and fringe meetings. Given that elections are called only a matter of weeks before they are held, little of this would be refundable. Norman Tebbit, then party chairman, has nowhere cited this as a reason for advising the Prime Minister to hold last year's election in June, but I am reliably informed that it was strongly impressed upon him by his aides.

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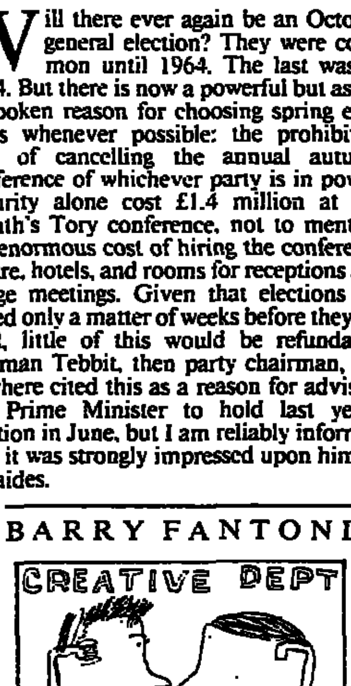
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SAATCHI TO HELP FIGHT CRIME

'We've kicked a few ideas around and the one we agree on is Vote Tory'

Challenged in the Commons last week about the leak of yet another embarrassing ministerial letter, Mrs Thatcher reminded Labour that as Opposition leader in 1976 she had fully supported Jim Callaghan, then prime minister, when he had condemned the leak of confidential government papers. Few appreciated the full potency of her riposte. Last week's leak preceded a debate in which Labour accused the Government of surreptitiously abandoning child benefit. The leak Mrs Thatcher referred to concerned Cabinet papers showing that the Labour government planned quietly to drop a manifesto commitment to *introduce* child benefit.

The recipient was Frank Field, then director of the Child Poverty Action Group and now a Labour MP, who exposed the government plans in *New Society*. As a result, the Labour Cabinet hastily backtracked, brought in generous child benefit, and ended up boasting about its commitment to the family in the 1979 election campaign. Field, for his pains, was the subject of an intensive Special Branch investigation but his source was never discovered.

Talking of leaks, the shadow education secretary, Jack Straw, is flavour of the month among his colleagues after his exposure on Monday of Government proposals to introduce fees and vouchers for higher education. However, his own delight is tinged with slight regret. He was handed the incriminating ministerial letters last Thursday just before boarding a train for a school prize-giving in Lancashire, and thus was unable to hold a Commons press conference until Monday afternoon. By that stage the five-day voting period for the shadow cabinet elections was already halfway through and many of his colleagues had already cast their votes. Straw can do with all the support he can get. His shadow cabinet place is not totally secure and he would want to improve on last year when he just scraped home in last place.

Max Beloff urges universities to shake off state dependency

All donations welcomed

It was clear even before the latest leaks that the basic element in the financing of higher education, the balance between direct funding, student fees and finance from the private sector, is going to be changed in ways yet unagreed upon.

Much time and energy had already been spent on interpreting the various trial balloons launched by the indefatigable if often ill-advised Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Higher Education, Robert Jackson. It is evident from their published statements that even before the new Universities Funding Council has come into being its chairman-elect, Lord Chilver, and its chief executive-designate, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, are at odds about fundamentals in its policy: market forces or *dirigisme*? We do not know.

Although the Education Reform Act was much improved during its passage through the House of Lords, when "academic freedom" was written into the Bill, it is obvious that the academic community still cherishes a good deal of disquiet, as shown by the movement to set up a "Council for Academic Autonomy" to monitor what happens in this respect.

One need not altogether share all these apprehensions to feel some sympathy for them. It is not so much that after a long period of "hands off", government has begun to intervene in an ever more detailed fashion in the affairs of the universities (twenty years ago a few of us were already saying that where *public* expenditure is concerned he who pays the piper will always call the tune); it is that those entrusted by the state do not possess the knowledge and understanding that would make their intervention acceptable.

Lord Chilver, when asked how the humanities would fit into his concept of university funding in his now celebrated interview with the *Times Higher Education Supplement*, replied with a disquisition on the role of history which revealed a total ignorance of how historical studies are in fact organized, and left some doubt as to whether he had even seen a work of history since he left school.

It is to the credit of the universities that they have not simply been stunned into inactivity. The Campaign for Oxford, aiming to raise an endowment fund of £220 million, represents a lead which, as *The Times* rightly pointed out, needs to be followed by other universities in the light of their different circumstances. It is a far cry from the days when the founders of what is now the University of Buckingham were derided for their view that the multiplicity of sources of finance is the best guarantee of an institution's right to manage its own affairs.

Of course dead benefactors are better than living ones — I am sure that not all that is done by my college, All Souls, would have been to the taste of the 15th-century Archbishop Chichele. But now that we shall have to make do with living benefactors — individuals, foundations and industry — Buckingham's experience is in this respect encouraging.

In a letter to *The Times* on October 21, Dr Ralf Dahrendorf, who has much experience of these things, argues that too much has been made of the inevitability of government intervention as being the price of government finance, and that public money could and should continue to be the universities' main resource, if governments exercised self-restraint and self-denial. He referred with approval to "buffer institutions" such as the University Grants Committee — but if these are the solution why is the UGC about to become defunct?

What the correct mix of finances should be, and how far the students as consumer can rule, above all how far changes can make for a higher proportion of the population going on to higher education, are questions upon which university opinion is much divided, and where an effort is now being made to find a common policy. But, once again, they are being asked to work without any clear indication of what government policy is going to be. All this activity should have preceded the Act, not followed it.

Where Dr Dahrendorf is wrong, I think, is in treating government as a force in its own right, overlooking the fact that in the last resort, in a democracy, it requires the support of public opinion. The universities have not many defenders in the broader British public. The reason is partly that few people understand the relationship between the fortunes of industry and medicine and the basic research carried on in universities. For this ignorance the universities have themselves in part to blame. When the priorities of public expenditure have to be decided it is not expenditure on higher education that carries the great guns.

Appeals for funds by universities must obviously be targeted first and foremost upon their alumni. That has been the pattern of the great American universities with which Oxford hopes to stay on a par. But, leaving aside tax advantages and so on, it is not as self-evident here as in the US that graduates will all take this view of where their duty lies. Oxford itself has not been able to capture the whole-hearted support of its own current student body, some of whom hold fast to the proposition espoused by the National Union of Students that access to higher education is a natural right to be paid for wholly and solely from the public purse. And some university teachers obviously take the same view. A dependency culture is not found only among the poor.

Indeed, part of the difficulty facing the universities arises from the suspicion in the public mind that much of the clamour in the name of academic freedom is only a disguise for the material self-interest of university teachers. And the current ballot of members of the Association of University Teachers looking to a disruption of this year's examinations as a means of extracting further salary increases may well put off industrial as well as individual benefactors.

Like most disasters, this one was foreseen. It was in March 1976 that the members of the AUT voted to affiliate with the TUC; it was a point at which many members resigned — in my case after nearly 40 years' membership — because we could see that this definition of a university teacher not as a member of a learned profession but primarily as an employee would be endlessly damaging.

Medieval scholars accepted lives of celibacy and poverty in order to pursue the studies from which our universities have grown. We need not go as far as that — but some monastic virtues might seem appropriate for those who think society is obliged to enable them to pursue the most rewarding of human occupations, the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge. There is no other way.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien

Bush's touch of the blues

Philadelphia

George Bush either has, or has not, decided how to fill the principal cabinet posts in his coming administration. It rather depends on which part of the Bush campaign team you believe. At the weekend, aides named names: President Bush will have James Baker, who resigned as Treasury Secretary to lead the Bush campaign, as his Secretary of State, and John Tower, the former Texas senator, as his Secretary of Defence.

Bush himself, however, said he was just "concentrating on winning this election" and that "to speculate on who would be in a Bush cabinet would convey an over-confidence I do not feel."

I have no doubt that the leak by the aides is accurate, and that the Bush disclaimer is correct, electorally speaking. In ordinary usage, "accurate" and "correct" are often synonymous, but in the course of an election campaign, this is seldom the case.

The aides needed to get the story of the cabinet choices out because Bush's choice of Dan Quayle as his vice-presidential running mate had raised doubts about his ability to pick people, and voters might be put off by a mental picture of a Bush cabinet consisting entirely of Quayle clones. Baker and Tower — "men of thoughtful mien", as Eisenhower used to say — should exorcise that one. But it was also necessary to pre-empt the inevitable charges of "over-confidence."

If, as would appear, Republicans have indeed been counting their chickens, and even arranging them in the pecking order of the coming Bush administration, then they must have been a bit shaken by the latest NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll showing that his lead over Dukakis has been almost halved.

This is the Democrats' first good news since Dukakis's disappointing showing in the last of the televised debates, on October 13. The news wasn't all that good, since it still showed Dukakis nine points behind Bush, overall, but some of the detail was distinctly encouraging.

The poll showed Dukakis gaining quite dramatically among blue-collar workers and "Reagan Democrats", which of course are overlapping categories. Blue-collar workers in this new poll (October 23-26) split 46 per cent Dukakis and 45 per cent Bush. But the previous NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll had shown Bush with a lead in that category of nearly two to one: Bush 60 per cent to Dukakis's 33 per cent. Perhaps even more encouraging for Dukakis is the fact that the latest poll shows him convincingly ahead of Bush — 56 per cent to 37 per cent — among the key category of Democrats who voted for Reagan in 1984; here the earlier poll had shown Bush leading 50 per cent to 44 per cent.

During the past week, Dukakis has been making a strong populist pitch for just those categories of voters, with a kind of hot, class-oriented oratory he had shrunk from before.

In a speech at Rockfield, Illinois, last week, in which he attacked Bush's claim that a cut in the capital gains tax would create jobs, Dukakis said: "He says it's a jobs programme. Who's he kidding? What are they going to be doing with their extra money? Hire a second butler? Hire a life-guard for the pool? This isn't a jobs programme. This is Hallowe'en come early — a treat for the wealthy and a trick for the rest of us."

Not very refined stuff, perhaps, but — judging by the latest poll — it seems to go down well with the blue-collars. And there are other hopeful signs for the Democrats. Campaign officials on both sides in some key states, including Ohio and Pennsylvania, noted that Dukakis seemed to be catching up. He would need to. Bush is believed to have 200 electoral votes safely in his column out of the 270 needed to win in the electoral college.

On the other hand Dukakis, in order to win, needs to carry all five main states now classed as doubtful. At present he appears to be behind in all of them, although only by around 4 per cent. So the Democrats, to win, will need not merely a swing in their favour but a swing in all the right places: California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. Yet Democrats can take courage from the fact that if the apparent hefty shift in the allegiance of the Reagan Democrats and blue-collars is sustained, the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket could just possibly carry all those states and win against all the odds.

Understandably, as the campaign enters the final week, the Democrats are pinning their hopes on winning back most of those Reagan Democrats. The slogan of the hour in the Democratic camp is: "The Democrats are coming home!"

One clear sign that the Republicans are getting just a bit worried about this apparent trend was the cancellation of plans for Bush to help with Republican senatorial campaigns next week. He will now concentrate on his own campaign.

The NBC/*Journal* poll may possibly have been the proverbial "cloud the size of a man's hand" in this campaign, and that's about the size of the space it got in Friday's *New York Times*: six inches at the foot of column one of page 22 of the paper's D section. Nevertheless, it seems to have riveted the attention of the professionals in the Republican campaign, who immediately switched tactics to concentrate on holding those Reagan Democrats.

Suddenly, on Friday night, the Bush-Quayle television campaign programme was full of working-class, ethnic-looking types, and of issues designed to appeal to the same: mainly gun licences and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The pledge had been the biggest thing around, on the Republican side, in the early stages of the campaign. It was used to impugn the patriotism of Dukakis who, as governor of Massachusetts, had ruled, on legal advice, that it might be unconstitutional to *compel* teachers to lead their pupils in reciting the pledge.

Then, after the first Bush-Dukakis debate, we heard no more about the pledge for a while. The fiery indignation with which Dukakis rejected the smear against his patriotism had impressed the viewing public and the Republicans switched tactics.

But then, at the end of last week, after the bad news about the Reagan Democrats, the Republicans switched tactics again. We saw a picture of a blonde little girl, we heard the words of the pledge, and we read the caption: "The words they don't want your children to hear."

Apparently the idea is that the scare about Dukakis's lack of patriotism had worked before, where Reagan Democrats were concerned, and that to start the scare *all over again* might *bring* them back into line.

It seems rather doubtful whether that will work at this stage of the campaign. It is easy to get people scared of someone they don't know. It may be harder to scare them afresh, after they have stopped being scared, and about someone whom they have got to know.

However that may be, this election campaign, as it enters its last week, is begining to look more like a contest than at any time since the last Bush-Dukakis debate, three weeks ago.

Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Taking the Tory pulse

What if Labour style front-bench elections were held in the *Conservative* Party? Let us assume that Tory MPs have just cast their votes — and consider some of the shocks . . .

For a start, Lord Young, unlucky that the contest fell so soon after his statement on Barlow Clowes, dropped to last place. John Moore, Social Security Secretary, failed to make the top 22 at all, being ousted by Michael Howard, who secured a handful more votes than two others on the fringes of the Cabinet, Norman Lamont and Chris Patten. Moore's defence of the freezing of child benefit came too late to save him.

Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, surprised by topping the poll. The trial of the three terrorists accused of seeking to murder him proved a timely reminder to many MPs of the courage and persistence that King has shown in one of the most thankless tasks in government. Close behind him, after a series of effective Commons performances, came Kenneth Clarke, fortunate that the voting was conducted before he adopted his new macho role as defender of health charges.

He was followed by John Major, the Treasury Chief Secretary, an emerging star to whom a number of MPs now clearly feel it wise to hitch their wagon. Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, always more highly valued by his fellow MPs than by the Tory party conference, Cecil Parkinson, buoyed by his coal privatization pledge in a party conference triumph, and Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary. All had been defeated by Sir Geoffrey Howe in the contest for the deputy leadership of the Cabinet when Lord Whitelaw retired in January.

After topping the poll last year in the aftermath of the general election, the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, dropped to seventh, a response to the inaccuracy of his Budget forecasts and worries about rising inflation.

More surprising were the lowly places for the Defence Secretary, George Younger, and the Scottish Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, one of the sharpest performers in the Commons. Both suffered from their lack of regional support, with only 11 Scottish seats now held by Tories. Rifkind's vote also slipped because he was dropped from the slate of the hard-left Tory Reform Group after members protested that he had overdone the conversion to Thatcherism north of the border.

Slates were run as usual by the right-wing 92 Group and by the soft-left One Nation group, working in association with the Tory Reform Group. The 92 Group (dubbed the "Black Hand Gang" by its opponents), which claims that the whips are stuffing the Government's middle ranks with left wingers, again succeeded in winning substantial votes for Teddy Taylor and Ian Gow without getting them elected.

Its support was also believed to have helped the significant advance of two young junior ministers, Michael Portillo and Francis Maude.

The Tory Reform Group succeeded in having three of the eight candidates listed on their slate elected: Baker, Hurd and Clarke. It came close with Chris Patten but failed with Lynda Chalker, David Hunt, Sir Ian Gilmour and Michael Heseltine. Significantly, however, Heseltine's vote increased, as it did last year. Another 19 votes among the 373 Tory MPs would be enough to see him on next year.

But while left and right-wing groupings had their influence, the elections were determined as always by the large numbers of Tory MPs who subscribe formally to none of them. What mattered was the word around the tables of a dozen more or less informal dining groups. In the Tory party you eat your way as much as speak your way to influence.

The results listed above are, of course, fictitious, but they do represent a trawling of opinion among Tory MPs about what might have happened if their party *did* elect its front-bench team.

What is particularly intriguing in actual fact is the amount of reshuffle talk one hears from Tory MPs. Mrs Thatcher deprived them of their usual summer sport by announcing her September changes in July, but it seems that her MPs have decided to enjoy it all the same.

And what one can distil from Westminster gossip is that Lawson's stock has declined a little, that most MPs now expect him to stick around for a year or two yet and that they expect Mrs Thatcher to try to persuade Sir Geoffrey Howe at some stage to move across to the Home Office to accommodate Lawson's ambition to have a crack at the Foreign Office.

Hurd, it is suggested, would make an ideal Leader of the Commons, while John Wakeham must be given a chance to show what he can do with a department of his own before this parliament is out. And the time has come, say many Tories, to switch Nicholas Ridley from Environment to something less sensitive.

What is difficult to see is where the vacancies will occur to bring in those now pressing for a Cabinet place: Howard, Lamont, Peter Brooke, the party chairman, the two Pattens, Chris and John, and David Mellor, the high-profile No 2 to Kenneth Clarke.

A year ago the favourites for moving on in due time might have been Paul Channon, Tom King and Norman Fowler. But all have prospered lately. Fowler is showing verve as Employment Secretary and scored another big success at the Tory conference; Channon is re-charged and running well as Transport Secretary and there is widespread respect and appreciation of Tom King's work in Northern Ireland. In the Commons he strikes exactly the right note and it would be unthinkable to drop him.

He is now seriously canvassed as the ideal successor to Brooke as party chairman, just the sort of cheerful chap to get on well with the National Union and rally the troops.

There is, then, something of a log-jam. So for any minister who has a bad year, it could be an expensive one.

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In a green-belt controversy of its day, this description of West Ham formed part of a more general article urging London boroughs to safeguard open spaces before they were swallowed up by buildings.

A METROPOLITAN CINDERELLA

There is nothing more for West Ham to do except to have a Bishop and a Cathedral, and to be declared by Order in Council a city. It is the metropolitan CINDERELLA. Half a century back it can scarcely be said to have existed. A village there was, surrounded by cabbage fields. Old red brick houses dotted the roads, and mercantile magnates occupied them, and their pleasant gardens. The whole was still a bit of Holland which had lost its way in England. Thirty years ago a transformation began. The rusticity and the market-gardens were assuming the appearance of a rubbish heap. All kinds of trades profitable to capitalists and workmen, and noxious to the atmosphere, were flocking thither as to an asylum. West Ham became an off-shoot of London, with a population approaching thirty thousand. Its industries were conducted by London enterprise for the benefit of London capitalists. Its tenements were inhabited by absolute Londoners, who came there to be near their work, or for cheapness of lodgings.

Metropolitan administrators were not anxious to have the charge of its mass of squalor. Manufacturers who pursued in it their unsavoury crafts were glad to escape yet awhile from stringent sanitary rules and supervision. Higher and higher has been rising the tide of population till the parish counts its hundreds of thousands. Parliament first opened its doors, and wide enough to take in a couple of representatives from two divisions. After a probation of two Parliamentary elections the crowning honour has been conceded. A charter of incorporation has been granted. America itself cannot show a more rapid accumulation of population.

They are not all of them points to be regarded with satisfaction. West Ham was in 1854 repudiated by the metropolis, and had to set up for itself. Theoretically, and in official relations, it is entirely separate from London, so far as there is a London. Its classification among the ten great towns of England and Wales is not a form of speech. Its town-hall is a real town-hall, and no pretender, like a Holborn or a Kensington town-hall. The municipality which came into existence yesterday will negotiate on a footing of equality with the Corporation of the City.

West Ham Park first familiarized Londoners not belonging to the East-end with West Ham as a substantial fact. If the new corporation have the opportunity of rescuing from bricks other open spaces, it could not more fittingly demonstrate its usefulness than by seizing the occasion promptly.

Its neighbours in the metropolis will never cease to deplore that no local authority became early enough alive to the obligation of securing for them reservoirs of fresh air. Had the movement commenced a century since, of which Saturday witnessed an interesting result at Highgate, London might by this time have been endowed around and throughout with sufficient breathing spaces to render its indefinite expansion a matter of little concern.

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AUTUMN ACCOUNTS

The Government's decisions on public spending will satisfy the City and should go a long way towards satisfying the citizens too. The figures presented yesterday by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, in his autumn statement underline how much easier it is to manage public finances when the underlying state of the economy is sound than when it is not.

After two years in which the Government has been forced to increase spending in order to accommodate inflation and a variety of political demands, this year it has managed to stick to the previously determined total. This is better than most of the City expected and is a considerable feather in the cap of Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

One of the reasons why this has been possible is that unemployment has been falling a good deal faster than anticipated because of the rapid growth in the economy. The usual massive increase in the social security budget has therefore not been necessary — though higher inflation will take its toll of spending in the year after.

Further room for manoeuvre has been created by the falling burden of debt interest. The national debt has been with us for so long that its cost has tended to be forgotten. Now that the budget surplus is gradually enabling the debt to be repaid, the burden of debt interest is falling. As a result, spending on priority programmes can be increased while public spending as a proportion of national income continues to fall. In the current year Mr Lawson has conservatively forecast a surplus of £10 billion.

Within the confines the Government has set itself ministers have managed to produce several politically attractive increases in certain spending programmes. There will be over £2 billion extra for the health service plus something for roads, housing, and law and order.

To some extent these increases are chimerical in that money which was already set aside in the reserve has been allocated to particular programmes. But the allocation has been done for the most part with political and economic sensitivity.

So far as the wider economy is concerned, the outlook portrayed by the Chancellor in the Treasury's forecast is for considerably slower growth. The slowdown will be largely at the expense of consumers, coupled with rising inflation, until some time in the middle of next year.

Mr Lawson has often scoffed at economic forecasts — and certainly his own at the time of the Budget has turned out to be wrong in most respects. But official forecasts are a little bit more than another guess at what the future holds. They may also be read as a commitment. It is therefore reassuring to note that the Chancellor expects inflation to have come down again to 5 per cent by the final quarter of next year, even if it is likely to stay high for much of next year.

Mr Lawson clearly expects high interest rates to put shackles on consumer spending and for investment and net exports to take up some of the slack. Given the improvement in the efficiency of the economy, this is plausible — but it is not clear how quickly high interest rates will curb domestic demand. A year ago Mr Lawson forecast growth in 1988 of 2.5 per cent. In the event it is likely to be 4.5 per cent.

The economy is now facing a test both of the efficacy of Government policies in providing a firm counter-inflationary framework and of the real improvements in its underlying efficiency. By sticking to his public spending plans, the Chancellor has provided a firm foundation for fiscal policy which he should build on in the Budget.

Combined with a sound monetary policy, this should bring the economy back on to a sustainable course. The measure of the Government's achievement in improving underlying economic efficiency will be how far productivity increases survive the slower growth rate which he is forecasting.

MISSION TO POLAND

The Prime Minister sets out today on a visit many will say she should not be making. Her trip to Poland was always a questionable proposition, capable of being interpreted as a gesture of succour to the Jaruzelski regime. Now it is doubly so.

Predictions that the visit could be manipulated by the authorities for their own ends have been borne out by Monday's announcement that the Gdansk shipyard — the home of Poland's independent trade union movement Solidarity — is to be closed. Mrs Thatcher had made a meeting with Solidarity's leader, Mr Lech Walesa, in his home city a condition of her visit. It must now take place under a cloud.

Remarks by Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, Poland's newly-appointed Prime Minister, to the effect that the planned closure of the yard was an example of how Poland was following Mrs Thatcher's admirable economic example might be regarded as adding insult to injury. In the event, they — and the episode as a whole — provide an opportunity and one the Prime Minister is well placed to exploit.

When visiting a country without an official opposition, the Prime Minister, like Sir Geoffrey Howe, has adopted the praiseworthy custom of arranging meetings also with those who represent non-official opinion. The planned meeting in Gdansk is part of that pattern. Even if the Polish Government cites security as a reason why that meeting should not proceed, the cancellation of so well publicized an engagement will communicate its own message.

The main message, however, needs to be communicated by Mrs Thatcher herself. She should convey to her hosts at every opportunity that the comparison between her remedy for Britain's ills and the Jaruzelski-Rakowski remedy for Poland is built on a false premise, and she should spell out why. If anything, the Polish Government's decision to close the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk only makes her task easier, for it makes the falseness of the comparison more blatant.

Put simply, the British Prime Minister was able to start curbing the power of trade unions, pruning uneconomic industries and instilling a new sense of purpose into Britain only because she had a democratic mandate to do so. General Jaruzelski and his prime minister have no such mandate. Mrs Thatcher became Prime Minister for the third time after a general election which her party won by a large majority. Poland's ruling party has never submitted itself to such elections, nor has it shown any interest in doing so.

Mrs Thatcher should also make clear that to speak of Britain's trade unions and Poland's independent trade union movement in the same breath, as Mr Rakowski has done, is a travesty. Solidarity and other unofficial groups in Poland are fighting for elementary rights — freedom of expression and free assembly — which have long been an integral part of life in Britain and in many other countries. There is no contradiction between a desire for constitutional limits on trade unions in Britain and a desire to see free trade unions in Poland. Each is an expression of democracy.

These are simple points, but they are points the Polish authorities have either failed to understand or chosen to ignore. They need to be made lest Mr Rakowski and others delude themselves into thinking that what they regard as Thatcherite methods will by themselves solve Poland's problems and encourage Western investment. They will not, unless the regime also has the support of the Polish people.

In days when many Poles will be despondent that the regime has opted for confrontation, Mrs Thatcher can ensure at very least that their continuing desire for democratic rights is communicated to the West. At best, she can represent their aspirations to Poland's self-appointed masters, and be heard.

FERDINAND AND IMELDA

The arraignment of Mrs Imelda Marcos in New York this week on charges of embezzlement, racketeering and fraud serves warning to other heads of state and their families that they cannot fleece their countries, export themselves and the proceeds to the United States, and live happily ever after on the revenues thus acquired. But the decision to bring the case was not simple.

President Reagan explained that he was allowing the law to run its course against his old ally on the ground that it was an exclusively legal matter. Given the individuals involved, however — the former President of the Philippines, his wife and eight of their associates — it is also a matter of foreign policy. It has been handled with kid gloves precisely for that reason.

On the insistence of the State Department, the Marcoses were first offered the opportunity to plead guilty, surrendering the small part of their international assets covered by the indictment, and so escape possible jail sentences. Having turned this offer down, they face charges of having shipped $103 million into the United States, illegally used it to buy US real estate, art and jewellery, and fraudulently conspired to transfer some of these assets under backdated deeds.

Under US law they would not have been brought to trial for amassing wealth — estimated at between $5 billion and $10 billion worldwide — while in the Philippines. It is the fact that these activities continued after their arrival in Honolulu as exiles in February 1986 that exposes them to prosecution in the US, and not only for these crimes but also for acts committed in the Philippines. These are deemed to have formed part of a 17-year "pattern of racketeering".

The argument against pressing charges was that the US did the world a service in persuading the Marcoses to go quietly, and that others will follow their example only if they are sure of immunity from prosecution once in voluntary or near-voluntary exile. The State Department is believed to have had General Pinochet of Chile in mind, among others.

US electoral considerations may have tipped the balance in favour of indicting the Marcoses. The Democrats have attacked the Administration for being soft on corruption. A decision to block the prosecution of such presidential looters as the Marcoses would have made their point for them.

Mr Marcos, at least, may never see jail: he is 71 and ailing, and the trial and appeals could take years. But the precedent is important. It clears the path not only for grand juries currently investigating their assets in four other US states and for a probable trial in Honolulu for the alleged purchase of $500,000 worth of weapons for shipment to the Philippines, but also for the possible recovery by the heavily-indebted Philippines Government of money now lodged in Swiss banks.

Of 40 or more ousted rulers now alive, a handful live quietly in Latin American suburbs. Most have prudently preferred exile, with or without private fortunes, to the risk of being held accountable by their countrymen. Among the most despicable, President Idi Amin of Uganda lives modestly on the Islamic charity of Saudi Arabia, whose security forces ensure that his telephone line is cut each time he thinks of making a warrior's return.

There is an argument for allowing former dictators to trade asylum and immunity from prosecution for the liberation of their subjects. But the United States, by making it clear that they cannot also expect to flaunt — and augment — their ill-gotten wealth, has performed the secondary service of minimizing their incentives to bank so extravagantly against a rainy day. The exemplary greed of the Marcoses merits an exemplary reward.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Prince of Wales in a struggle with the architects

From Professor Colin St John Wilson

Sir, It was with a sense of relief that I read Deyan Sudjic's article. "A prince for the past" (October 31). He has clearly opened up the inner workings of the Prince's argument — as indeed happened comically in the television programme itself (report, October 29) when the Prince opened a grandfather clock only to find that it was a booze cupboard fitted with a small battery to operate the clock.

Some time ago, taking the boat trip from Westminster to Greenwich I was startled to hear our guide announce "... over on the left is Somerset House which they say is in the Palladium Style ...", a concept that instantly became a harmless family joke.

Today it is a different matter. Neither harmless nor a joke, from Richmond to Canary Wharf and the Isle of Dogs, the Palladium style is spawning along the waterfront like kelp.

The wheel, it would seem, has come full circle and here we are again with the battle of the styles. In the 18th century, it is said, Field Marshal Potemkin organized the construction of painted canvas village streets in order to fool Catherine II into believing that a great building renaissance was under way in Russia. Is all that we have to offer today a Palladium Folly or a Potemkin Village to divert a passing prince?

Yours faithfully,
COLIN St J. WILSON,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Architecture,
1 Scroope Terrace,
Cambridge.
October 31.

From the Secretary of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London

Sir, For a Prince of Wales to engage in public debate is not as new as most commentators suggest. King Edward VII provides a close parallel in having to create a useful role during his long apprenticeship for the Throne.

He developed a strong interest in hospitals and their reform, and in complementary medicine. The King's Fund (founded in 1897 as the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund) is one lasting result, which he launched with an announcement in *The Times* on February 6, 1897.

If that action is seen as uncontroversial today, that is the sort of trick that history plays. At the time his intervention was seen to be risky — risky if it failed and controversial because of the interests that he would offend.

One of the more tiresome current reactions to the Prince's recent broadcast is the comment that he should keep quiet on matters about which he can speak only as a non-expert. That is precisely his strength. Architecture is much too important to be left to the architects alone, just as medicine is too important to be left to the physicians.

If the architects are not prepared to welcome serious public discussion about contemporary British architecture's strengths and weaknesses, the elitism lies with them, not the Prince.

Yours etc.,
R. MAXWELL, Secretary,
King Edward's Hospital Fund
for London,
14 Palace Court, W2.

From Mr Don Joyce

Sir, What a pleasure it was to watch this evening's television programme, in which the Prince of Wales said, in plain words, so many of the things which needed saying on the desecration of our cities by architects and developers.

If the heir to the Throne continues to say what ought to be said in this forthright fashion, he will greatly strengthen the respect of most of his subjects for the Monarchy.

Is it really heresy to believe that it is time that much more *real* power lay with the Throne, much less with the politicians, and *very much less* with the unknown but potent faceless ones of Whitehall and town hall? Let us again make use of the abundant talents of the Royal Family.

Yours faithfully,
D. JOYCE,
Flat 2, Market Cross Holiday
Apartments,
Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset.
October 28.

From Mr George Ferguson

Sir, The RIBA president-elect and some other members of London's architectural establishment do a grave disservice to our profession by giving the impression that architects in general are opposed to Prince Charles's views. It is a foolish pride.

I believe that the vast majority of Britain's architects have the humility and good sense to realise that listening to popular opinion may lead to a better understanding of the essential quality of our towns and villages and that, without stifling genius, not every new building needs to shout its presence.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE FERGUSON,
Ferguson Mann (Architects),
Royal Colonnade,
18 Great George Street,
Bristol, Avon.

From Mr Oliver Thiebaud

Sir, Prince Charles's views on architecture say "what oft was thought, but ne'er so well expressed." If a building is a machine for living in, it must (i) function properly, (ii) give pleasure to man. Classical, Gothic and vernacular buildings succeed because of this historical moral force. If architects wish to exercise their egos, let them paint.

All architects who have failed us should be made to write out 100 times, in best joined-up writing, *Homo sum; humani nil a me alienum puto* ("I am a man; I count nothing human indifferent to me") and be banished for 40 days to the Acropolis or Chartres, Florence or Amsterdam, Paris or Lower Slaughter. Perhaps your readers can improve on their punishment.

Vernacularly yours,
OLIVER THIEBAUD,
Art and Architectural Trust,
Bloemgracht,
1 Amsterdam Central,
The Netherlands.
October 31.

From Mr H. A. Jones

Sir, I would respectfully point out to his Royal Highness that architects are not alone in being products of the age in which they live. All designs they produce have to be approved by planning committees, consisting of elected members of the lay public before being perpetrated on their fellow citizens.

Yours faithfully,
H. A. JONES,
4 Mill Lane,
Eastry, Sandwich,
Kent.
October 28.

From the Reverend Father Christopher Loughran

Sir, Three cheers for the Prince of Wales! How refreshing and encouraging it was to listen to his common sense approach to planning and architecture.

I am sure that he must have voiced the feelings of so many in this country who are, by and large, powerless in the face of the architectural establishment yet who have to live with their soulless creations.

It is to be hoped that the planners and architects pay heed to the Prince and act upon his vision.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER LOUGHRAN,
The Presbytery,
4 Marlborough Drive,
Fulwood,
Preston,
Lancashire.
October 29.

Copyright principle

From Professor W. R. Cornish

Sir, On Wednesday, the House of Lords debates Commons amendments to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill. The Bill contains an extension of copyright in sound recordings, films and computer programs to cover commercial rental. This is a significant adaptation of the system to meet technical developments.

The Government is now proposing amendments which will extend this rental right to include lending by public libraries. This raises at a very late stage an important issue of principle. Why should the public lending of books be covered by a special scheme financed by Government subvention and administered by a public office, whereas the public lending of records, films and computer programs is to be dealt with under copyright? The issue is unlikely to get the attention it deserves.

The change is being sought not in the provisions of the Bill relating to copyright, but in the obscure schedule VII, where Acts relating to libraries are amended. Whatever else, it cannot be right so to hide away a fundamental statement on the scope of copyright.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. CORNISH,
The London School of Economics
and Political Science,
Law Department,
Houghton Street, WC2.
October 31.

Solicitors' clerks

From the Secretary of the Chancery Bar Association

Sir, The Law Society's response to the Lord Chancellor's proposals (report, October 18) — viz. that the solicitor's representative is necessary to look after the client at court (even apparently in circumstances where the solicitor's clerk may be as much a stranger to the client as is the barrister) — throws the baby out with the bathwater. The proposals need to be seen in a much wider context.

In many cases (not at all limited to criminal appeals) a "second man" (the expression includes "woman") in the legal team is unnecessary. Such cases, on the civil side at least, do not require the presence of the lay client and in practice the client rarely if ever attends. Such cases include appeals of many kinds, especially those simply involving a point of law or practice, and the vast majority of interlocutory applications.

Interlocutory applications most frequently take place in chambers, where barristers need not be employed. The employment of barristers is limited to cases when the solicitors want them there; when this happens, more often than not a second man is simply a waste of costs. Surely it is only sensible to decide in those cases whether a barrister or a solicitor's representative is the appropriate person to do the job and then hand him the file.

Cases where there is a substantial trial or the client needs real personal attention *by his familiar adviser* during the hearing are quite different; in those cases a legal team of two or more, however composed, becomes clearly desirable.

It is high time that both limbs of the profession got to grips with providing a sensible (and not rigid) regime.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER COOKE, Secretary,
Chancery Bar Association,
New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
October 20.

Meeting of minds

From Dr H. C. Swaisland

Sir, Writing a letter to you can have unexpected and pleasant consequences. In your columns of December 15 last I quoted the views in 1872 of James Henry Barber, the Sheffield banker, on the annual loss locally of a fortnight's work over Christmas and the opening of a new year.

On a recent evening members of two generations of his descendants (he had 12 children), previously unacquainted, met to look at the Barber correspondence in the Anti-Slavery Society records in Rhodes House and join me afterwards at dinner in college. They maintain James Henry's Quakerly practice of keeping family records and cricket is still an active family interest (one captained Yorkshire in an earlier generation).

Ours was a very lively table. Thank you, Sir, for unwittingly bringing the occasion about!

Yours faithfully,
H. C. SWAISLAND,
166 Poplar Grove,
Kennington, Oxford.

Seeing red

From Mr Richard Howard-Jones

Sir, Mr Alistair Morton's problem with HM Customs and Excise in making payment for duty (October 28) is easily solved.

It merely involves them accepting a form of payment which is universal, free of currency and guaranteed. I mean, of course, a credit card issued by either a Mastercard/Eurocard or Visa-affiliated bank.

It seems strange that one can quickly and easily purchase an airline ticket, a telephone call or a cup of tea with a credit card at Heathrow, but not, it seems, pay Customs duty.

Why not?

Yours faithfully,
R. HOWARD-JONES,
19 Pauls Dene Road,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.
October 29.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Moving house

From Dr M. Cole

Sir, I applaud Dr Lambert's letter on house moves as a cause of stress (October 28). While national firms are one culprit, may I suggest that the NHS is another?

Since qualifying as a doctor just over six years ago my husband has held posts in Sheffield, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield (again), Salisbury, Southampton, London and Salisbury (again).

Although GPs can lead a sedentary life, those involved in higher specialist training tend to live in a whirl of job applications and expiring contracts until their forties.

The NHS pays the removal expenses of householders in these cases, and would gain financially and in personnel terms if it could devise a way to stop this merry-go-round. Let Dr Lambert add his own "company" to the black list.

Yours faithfully,
M. COLE,
4 The Gazings, Gazing Lane,
West Wellow, Hampshire.

From Lady Le Bailly

Sir I have news for Dr Lambert. Those in the three services have been moved round for years. They learn to accept it — even enjoy it.

When my husband served in the Royal Navy we had 19 homes in 26 years. We have now been married for 42 years, have three normal, well-adjusted children and six grandchildren. There are thousands more like me who faced repeated moves with perhaps a little stress but no mental or physical ill health — and not much divorce either.

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA Le BAILLY,
Garlands House, St Tudy,
Bodmin, Cornwall.

Knees, please

From Dr Peter Lanyon-Orgill

Sir, As an inveterate wearer of shorts (except in pouring rain or when attending church services or symphony concerts), now in his seventh decade, and who has had only one day's illness in the last 50 years, I would like to endorse Mrs Tulloch's sentiments (October 27) and share her condemnation of the modern unhealthy habit of forcing small boys into long trousers, whereas only 20 years ago they did not usually "go into longs" until they were 13 or 14.

Unfortunately, even though one's handsomely tanned lower limbs have acquired their natural colour by exposure to the gentle Devonian sunshine or sea air, one is constantly accused of having joined the hordes of unpatriotic lemmings who have deserted their native shores to suffer the unsympathetic attention of Mediterranean climes.

Yours faithfully,
P. A. LANYON-ORGILL,
2 Haddon Lees,
Tor Park Road,
Torquay, Devon.
October 27.

From Mrs Vyvyan Harmsworth

Sir, Further to Mrs Tulloch's letter my seven-year-old son wears shorts to school as it is much easier to wash his usually very dirty knees than to patch his grey flannel trousers.

Yours faithfully,
VYVYAN HARMSWORTH,
Beech Court, Challock,
Ashford, Kent.
October 27.

Cost of freezing child benefit

From the Director of the Child Poverty Action Group

Sir, Your leader (October 28) states that "children in need will be better off as a result of the decisions announced" on October 27 by the social services secretary. This is, of course, true for some "children in need" (and CPAG welcomes any crumb of comfort for poor families) but it is not the case for others.

Those actually on income support or family credit will gain about 50p per week per child. However, for families on family credit and housing benefit — likely to be amongst the lowest-paid — some of the gain is withdrawn through housing benefit reductions. And the freeze in child benefit simultaneously means losses for the *very* poorest families, who slip through the "safety net"; the "near-poor" just above the qualifying level for means-tested benefits; and many women in families where total family income is not shared fairly.

These losses will all affect "children in need" — and not a handful, but a considerable number. Their loss of child benefit now totals over £1 per week since 1985.

Moreover, the choice of a real reduction in child benefit to finance what increases there have been is problematic, and contradictory to the Government's philosophy. Not only does child benefit "target" successfully all those families whom means-tested benefits fail to reach; it is also the most cost-effective and efficient way of providing a "ladder out of poverty" (in John Moore's own phrase) for those families caught in the poverty trap.

Your preference for a proper review, rather than "piecemeal decisions", is welcome. But it should not be forgotten that the last five years have been spent setting up and implementing what the Government itself described as the most comprehensive review of the benefits system since Beveridge.

That review concluded decisively that "the case for changing (the basis or structure of child benefit) has not been made out. The Government do not therefore propose to alter it". It is difficult to see what could have happened since to change the Government's mind.

Yours faithfully,
FRAN BENNETT, Director,
Child Poverty Action Group,
4th Floor, 1-5 Bath Street, EC1.
October 28.

Its own reward

From Mr Leonard Cox

Sir, I have received the following letter from the Inspector of Taxes:

> Thank you for your 1988/89 tax return.
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> Could you please confirm aside the weekly rates state pension you and your wife receive per week, and also the amount your wife receives per week in her own virtue.

The answer to the second question is nothing, which shows how unfair life is. Had I been otherwise married I might have been doing fine on her immoral earnings.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD COX,
7 Needwood Drive,
Bebington,
Wirral,
Merseyside.
October 21.

North of Watford

From Mr Robert Scott

Sir, You may think it profitless to protest against surveys, but for the North-west region to be dubbed a "cultural desert totally devoid of opera, ballet, restaurants and good shops" (report, October 26) is a description few of us hedonists living here would recognise.

However, having checked the survey, I took comfort. I learn that it is a result of questioning 110 chief executives and finance directors of companies based in the South-east, South-west, East Anglia and the Greater London area. I should think their views on the arts in the North-west are about as useful as mine are on oxy-acetylene welding.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SCOTT,
Managing Director,
Manchester Theatres Ltd,
Palace Theatre,
Oxford Street,
Manchester 1.

Granny bond

From Mr Quentin de la Bedoyere

Sir, Mrs Pamela Ide (October 26) tells you of how her young grandson covered her innocent eyes from a sexual episode on television. Alas, not all grandchildren are so protective.

Our three-year-old grandson was knocked over by an obstreperous playschool friend. He leapt to his feet and outfaced his opponent with the truly awful threat: "If you do that again, I'll set my granny on you!"

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN de la BEDOYERE,
10 Edge Hill, SW19.
October 26.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 1: The Queen attended a Service in Westminster Abbey today to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Welsh Bible.

Her Majesty was received upon arrival by the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne), the Archbishop of Canterbury (the Most Reverend and Right Hon Robert Runcie) and the Archbishop of Wales (the Most Reverend George Noakes).

The Address was given by the Right Reverend G. O. Williams, DD (former Archbishop of Wales).

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

Admiral Lee Baggett, USN had the honour of being received by The Queen prior to relinquishing his appointment as Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic.

Mrs Baggett had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a "Taste of the Tropics" Fashion Show and dinner in aid of the WWF-World Wide Fund for Nature at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, London SW1.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Colonel Robert Hunter (Deputy Lieutenant for Surrey) at the Funeral of Mr Ian Watt (formerly High Commissioner to Sierra Leone) which was held at Leatherhead Crematorium this afternoon.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, visited Norfolk today.

Having travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Captain Jonathan Peel (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk).

The Princess Royal visited Norfolk Prison and the Save the Children Prison Project.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the Save the Children Fund Shop, Magdalen Street, Norwich.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the Hewitt School, Norwich and afterwards the Save the Children Fund Shop, King's Lynn.

Her Royal Highness, President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this evening attended a dinner at Hampton Court Palace to honour the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and was received on arrival by the Chief Steward of Hampton Court Palace (the Lord Maclean).

Mrs Charlie Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 1: The Prince of Wales, President, the International Council of United World Colleges, received Sir Albert Sloman and Sir Ian Gourlay at St James's Palace.

Subsequently, His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, received Mr William Buchanan and Mrs Nancy Robertson.

Afterwards, The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Regiment of Wales, received Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Harry upon relinquishing command of the 4th (V) Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew de Lukacs-Lessner de Szeged upon assuming the appointment.

Later, His Royal Highness, Colonel, Welsh Guards, received Brigadier J. F. Rickett.

The Prince of Wales received Dr Thomas H. B. Symons (the Vanier Professor, Trent University, Canada; Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Committee of the Association of Commonwealth Universities).

This afternoon His Royal Highness, Trustee, the National Gallery, attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the National Gallery, London WC2.

The Prince of Wales, President, the Salisbury Cathedral National Spire Appeal, gave a reception in aid of the appeal at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, President, Barnardo's, attended a Bruce Oldfield Gala in aid of the charity at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Viscountess Campden, Major Christopher Lavender and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 1: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as President, was present this morning at a Meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem at 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, today visited Boys' Clubs in Bristol and Avon.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

Bridge

The 35th annual Welsh Bridge Union congress took place at the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl, over the weekend and, in view of the clash with the English Bridge Union's autumn congress at Eastbourne, most of the prize winners came from Wales.

RESULTS
Men's pairs: 1. S Jarvis, N Forrest (Wales); 2. A Cordery, M Curtis (Surrey). Women's pairs: 1. Mrs E O Jones (West Midlands), Mrs J Rickard (Cornwall); 2. Miss B Griffiths, Mrs V Hamilton (Wales).

A memorial service for Princess Kristina Rosso di Cerami, the actress, Krista Keller, will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London, WC2, on Thursday, November 24, at noon. All friends from London, Germany and Italy are welcome.

A memorial service is being held for Murray Mclean at 5 pm on Tuesday, November 8, 1988, in St Philip's Priory, Begbroke, Oxford.

Marriages

The Earl Attlee
and Miss M.D. Gouriet
The marriage took place recently between The Earl Attlee, son of the late Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, and Miss Margaret (Gretta) Gouriet, only daughter of the late Geoffrey Gouriet and of Mrs Nancy Gouriet, of Paper House, Hampton Court.

Mr C.A. Cory-Wright
and Miss D.McN. Watson
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 29, at the Temple Church, of Mr Charles Alexander Cory-Wright, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mark Cory-Wright, of Tilford, Surrey, and Miss Dorothy McNaughton Watson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Watson, of Penwortham, Lancashire. The Master of the Temple officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily and Cassandra Browne, Sophia Akroyd, Charlotte Guthrie, Shenandoah Neville-Clarke, Alexander Wyndham, Graeme Ross and Luke Templeman. Mr Valentine Guinness was best man.

A reception was held at Brooks's. The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr M. Gorlin
and Mrs M. Cormie
The marriage took place at Braintree, Essex, on October 27, 1988, of Mr Manfred Gorlin to Mrs Margaret Cormie, with close family in attendance.

Mr T. Lupprian
and Miss J. Russell
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 22, 1988, at St Micheal's Abbey, Farnborough, of Mr Timothy Lupprian, son of Dr and Mrs Keith Lupprian, of Exeter, Devon, and Miss Jane Russell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derrick Russell, of Lightwater, Surrey. The Reverend Father Michael Hayes officiated, and the Reverend Father Prior David Higham presided.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Tracey Bridges, Jane McClellan, Sarah Sinlayson, Anna Russell and Penelope Lupprian. Mr Nicholas Prettejohn was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in South America.

Mr D.M. Stearns
and Miss R. White
The marriage took place in Lymington, Hampshire, on Thursday, October 27, 1988, between Mr Donald Stearns, and Miss Rachael White, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John White, of Lymington, formerly of Brockenhurst.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.A. Clark
and Miss A.C.F. Younger
The engagement is announced between William Alexander, elder son of Dr and Mrs Alister Clark, of Hurlingham Square, London, and Amanda Charlotte Frances, elder daughter of The Honourable Alexander and Mrs Younger, of Kippen, Stirlingshire.

Mr J.D.F. Palmer
and Miss A.S. Gordon
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Major General Sir Michael and Lady Palmer, of West Stafford, Dorset, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.M.B. McNiven, of Ovingdean, Sussex.

Mr P.M. Dunne
and Miss D.M.A. Fraser
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Dunne, of Gatley Park, Herefordshire, and Domenica, younger daughter of Sir Ian and the late Mrs Fraser, of South Haddon, Somerset.

Mr T.D. Symington
and Miss S.E. Green
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Symington, of Oporto, Portugal, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.U. Green, of Codicote, Hertfordshire.

Mr S.G. McDonald
and Miss O.M. Wright
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.B. McDonald, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Olivia, daughter of Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, of London.

Major R.D. Richards
and Miss H.J. Collins
The engagememt is announced between David Richards, Royal Engineers, son of Dr R.M. and Dr M.H.J. Richards, of Llandaff, Cardiff, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Collins, of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Mr J.A. Ajoub
and Miss P.W. Scragg
The engagement is announced between Anthony, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Ajoub, of Beirut and Toronto, and Pamela, only daughter of Mrs J. Scragg, of L'Aleval, Jersey, C.I, and the late Mr E.P. Scragg, CBE, of Cheshire.

Mr R.C. Dwyer
and Mrs S.L. Catchlove
The engagement is announced between Rogan Dwyer, of Beaufort Gardens, SW3, son of the late Mr and Mrs P.J. Dwyer, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs Sheila Griffith, of Eashing, Surrey, and Mr Emerson Griffith, of Mallorca, Spain.

Mr R.J. Hale
and Miss M.F. Haddock
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs John Hale, of Englefield Green, Surrey, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Haddock, of Stanmore, Middlesex.

Captain P.A. Jones, RCT
and Miss J.L. Nicholson
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Major and Mrs S. Jones, of Newport, Gwent, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.F. Nicholson, of Dorridge, Warwickshire and late of Nairobi.

Mr A.J. Cleary
and Miss N. Henshall
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Cleary, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, and Noël, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Henshall, of Stutton, Suffolk.

Mr J.E. Roberts
and Miss L-A. Collier
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs William Roberts, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Collier, of Wimbledon, London.

Captain D.S. Bruce
and Miss L.H. Adams
The engagement is announced between Duncan Scott Bruce, of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, only son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs N.S. Bruce, of Kinnerley, Shropshire, and Louise Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart A. Adams, of 97 South Hill Park, Hampstead, London, NW3.

Mr P.R. Thomas
and Miss A-L. Tildesley
Mr and Mrs James Tildesley, of Estepona, Spain, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Anna-Louise, to Philip Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Thomas, of Sotogrande, Spain.

Mr C.J. Toole
and Miss J.E. Hopkinson
The engagement is announced between Christopher James, elder son of Dr and Mrs J. Toole, of Marple, Cheshire, and Jane Eleanor, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Hopkinson, of Digswell, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.D. Arthur
and Miss E.F. Way
The engagement is announced between Robert David Arthur, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, and Elizabeth Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Way, of Esher, Surrey.

Welsh Bible for the Queen

The Queen attended a service held yesterday in Westminster Abbey to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Welsh.

The Dean of Westminster officiated and pronounced the blessing, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor, who said the Collect for All Saints' Day in Welsh. The Most Rev George Noakes, Archbishop of Wales, read from the second book of Kings and the book of Jeremiah (King James Version) and the Rev D.H. Owen, President of the Free Church Council of Wales, read from St Luke's Gospel (New English Bible).

The Right Rev Lord Coggan, the Bishop of St Asaph, the Bishop of Monmouth, the Bishop of Bangor, the Bishop of Llandaff, the Assistant Bishop of St Davids, Bishop Christopher Telmissos, representing the Orthodox Church of the Holy Protection, Mr J.W.D. McIntyre, Secretary General of the Church in Wales, Miss Einwen Jones, Baptist Union of Wales, Canon B. Andrew, Bible Society, the Rev B. Green, Free Church Federal Council and Canon K.E. Wright, Scottish Churches Council, were robed and in the Sacrarium.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Mrs Wendy Richards, the Rev Kim Fabricius, Miss Lesoato Kolane and Shu Kam Chung said prayers of thanksgiving. The Right Rev G.O. Williams, Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Welsh *Translation of the Bible* and of the Joint Committee for the Translation of the Bible into Welsh, preached the sermon.

The Queen was presented with a facsimile copy of the 1588 Welsh Bible by Dr Brynley F. Roberts, Librarian of the National Library of Wales, and *Y Beibl Cymraeg Newydd (The Welsh New Bible)* by the Rev Owen E. Evans, Director of the Welsh New Bible.

The Rev Dr John I. Morgans, President of the Council of Churches for Wales, presented copies of *Y Beibl Cymraeg Newydd* to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rev Glen Bowie, representing the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Most Rev John Ward, representing the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches, the General Secretary of the Scottish Churches' Council, the General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches and the Dean of Westminster.

An Elegy for Bishop William Morgan, 1604, by Huw Machno and translated by R. Geraint Gruffydd, was sung by Mr Osian Ellis. The Rev Glen Bowie, Chaplain to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, Vice-President of the British Council of Churches, Mr David Bleakley, General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches, Mrs Irene Williams, Vice-President of the Council of Churches for Wales, and the Rev Dr Philip Morgan, General Secretary of the British Council of Churches, said the prayers of Intercession and Dedication.

The High Commissioner for Lesotho and Mrs Kolane, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Lord and Lady Callaghan of Cardiff, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff were present.

Cash tussle over 'heritage' pictures

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Two art-funding bodies are in disagreement as to the value to the nation of two eighteenth century English paintings scheduled for sale by the British Rail Pension Fund at Sotheby's on November 16.

The paintings, "The Thames at Richmond" by Peter Tillemans (estimated at £50,000 to £70,000) and "Family Group on a terrace in a garden" by the English artist Arthur Devis (estimated at up to £300,000) have been on loan to Orleans House, Twickenham and Fairfax House, York, both of which are interested in keeping them for the nation.

But whereas the National Art-Collections Fund (a source formed from public contributions) has pledged a sum towards their purchase, the National Heritage Memorial Fund (directly funded by the Government) has turned down both applications. "It was just not felt that they were of sufficient heritage importance", said a spokesman.

Sir Peter Wakefield, director of the National Art-Collections Fund, conceded yesterday: "We have given up on the Devis". Although a beautiful picture, it had no specific relevance to Fairfax House. But of the Tillemans, he said: "I was surprised that the Heritage Fund turned that down. It shows a unique view of the Twickenham riverside with the villa belonging to Alexander Pope, which is now gone."

● Antique photographs sold well at Christie's New York on Monday. Top lot, at 44,000 dollars (£27,500) was a nude entitled "Miss Thompson" by Clarence White and Alfred Steiglitz. An abstract composition of spiralling white forms on black by the Hungarian-American painter and sculptor Laszlo Moholy-Nagy (1875 to 1946) doubled its estimate, selling to a Belgian dealer.

Sotheby's had a successful start to its two-day sale in Billingshurst, Sussex, with less than 2 per cent unsold. Top lot was a painting of children carrying buckets of sand over a beach by Hector Caffieri. It sold anonymously for three times its estimate at £11,000.

At Phillips's Victorian paintings sale, top price was £16,500 (within estimate) for Henry H. Parker's harvesting scene, "The Thames near Streatley".

Mrs Justice Heilbron retires

One of England's two women High Court judges, Mrs Justice Heilbron, retired yesterday amid tributes from lawyers.

She became one of the country's first woman QCs in 1949, and went on to be the first woman recorder — of Burnley — in 1956. She was made a High Court judge in 1974, only the second woman to reach the High Court bench.

Dame Rose Heilbron's retirement was marked by one of the largest gatherings of judicial and legal personalities ever seen at the Royal Courts of Justice.

The lone female voice left on the High Court bench among 82 men will be that of Mrs Justice Booth. But there is another Heilbron at the Bar: Dame Rose's daughter, Hilary Heilbron, is a QC.

Luncheons

East European Trade Council
Earl Jellicoe, Chairman of the East European Trade Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the St James's Court Hotel in honour of Dr G. Beil, Minister of Foreign Trade of the German Democratic Republic. The Ambassador of the German Democratic Republic and Mr K. Stubenrauch, Minister for Science and Technology, were among the guests.

Chartered Institute of Transport
Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, was the principal guest at the anniversary luncheon of the Chartered Institute of Transport held yesterday at New Connaught Rooms. Mr Alastair Pugh, president, was in the chair.

Receptions

Prime Minister
Prince Michael of Kent was present at a reception given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening in honour of the Wightman Cup teams.

British Food and Farming 1989
Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk and the Sussex Committee of British Food and Farming Year 1989 were hosts last night at a *reception held at Arundel Castle.*

National Children's Home
Miss Angela Rippon, Patron of the Devon Committee of the National Children's Home, was host last night at a reception held at the Mall Galleries for friends and supporters of the home. Mr Cliff Morgan, vice-president, attended.

Dinners

Anglo-Portuguese Society
The Portuguese Ambassador, President of the Anglo-Portuguese Society, and Senhora de Hall Themido and Mr Donald Cape, chairman, and Mrs Cape received the guests at a fiftieth anniversary dinner and dance held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Lord Carrington, CH, and Lady Carrington and Professor Joao de Deus Pinheiro, Portuguese Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Senhora de Pinheiro were the guests of honour. Among others present were:

The Brazilian Ambassador and Senhora de Souza e Silva, the Mozambique Ambassador and Mrs Panguene, Ambassador António Leite de Faria, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, Lord and Lady Coleraine, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Robert Flach, the Hon Julia Stonor, the Hon William and Mrs Ward, Sir Marc and Lady Cochrane, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, and Lady Finsberg, Sir John and Lady Peel, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Mr Clive Landa and Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, Mr Fernando Pessa, Dr José Maria Shearman de Macedo, HM Ambassador to Portugal and Mrs Simpson-Orlebar and Mrs S A Lockhart.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Ian Oddy, Chairman of the City of London branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Guildhall. Mr David Yorke, president of the institution, and Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, also spoke. Mr Robert Steel, Master of the Chartered Surveyors' Company, was among the guests.

Landscape Institute
Mr Cedric Lisney, President of the Landscape Institute, was host last night at a dinner held at the Royal Institute of British Architects in honour of Sir Peter Shepheard.

Commonwealth Soceity for the Deaf
Mr Christopher Holborow, Chairman of the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, was host yesterday at the society's Bell Dinner Dance held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League to raise funds for the Prevention of Deafness Campaign.

Christening

The infant daughter of Stephen Lankston and Hilary Wingfield was christened Charlotte Elizabeth Anne, by the Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, on Sunday, October 16. The godparents are Mr George Taylor, Mrs Katrina Julian, and Mrs Olive Treudler (for whom Miss Alison Mackenzie stood proxy).

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Ouseburn Warehouse Workshops, Lime Street, Newcastle, at 10.15; the Newcastle Arts Centre, 69 Westgate Road, Newcastle at 11.05; as President of Business in the Community, will visit the Tyne Theatre and Opera House at 11.40 and will attend a luncheon at the Civic Hall at 12.30. He will open the Winged Fellowship Holiday Centre for people with disabilities at Southport on Merseyside at 3.35.

The Princess of Wales will open the new factory of NEC Technologies (UK), Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire, at 11.30; and visit the Thomas Parker School, Telford, at 1.20. She will attend an auction at Christie's, 8 King Street, SW1, at 6.30 in aid of London Lighthouse, a residential and support centre for people suffering from Aids.

Prince Edward will attend the official opening of the St Martin's Youth Centre at 12 Adelaide Street, WC2, at noon, for the West End Co-ordinated Voluntary Services for Homeless Single People.

The Princess Royal, President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the new riding surface at the Charlton Park Group, Charlton Park School, SE7, at 10.15; and, as Chancellor of London University, will visit Goldsmiths' College at 12.00. As Patron of British Executive Service Overseas, she will attend the annual meeting at the Institute of Directors at 4.15; and will deliver the second Andrew Sharman memorial lecture to the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce at 8 John Adam Street, WC2, at 6.00.

Princess Margaret will attend a thanksgiving service for the Restoration of Lambeth Palace Chapel at 5.45.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the National Army Museum, will open the exhibition "1688 - The Glorious Revolution? The Fall and Rise of the British Army 1660 - 1704" at 11.00; and, as chairman, will attend the National Electronics Council's General Committee meeting and Mountbatten memorial lecture at the Institute of Electrical Engineers at 2.30.

English-Speaking Union

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the annual Art and Antiques Fair opened by Mr Richard Luce, MP, at Dartmouth House yesterday. Lord Pym, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, Mrs Richard Luce, deputy chairman, and Mr David Hicks, deputy director-general, received the guests who included members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Memorial service

Professor Philip Ouston
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Philip Ouston was held yesterday in the Chapel of King's College London, Strand. The Rev Philip Chester, Chaplain, officiated and read the lesson. Professor Philip Thody read from the works of Aldous Huxley and Dr Michael Heath read from a poem by Victor Hugo. Professer Norma Rinsler gave an address. Professor Stewart Sutherland, principal, was present.

OBITUARIES

JOHN HOUSEMAN

The producer, author and actor whose 'Men from Mars' panicked America

John Houseman, the American film and theatre producer who enjoyed an unexpected late flowering as an actor, has died at his home in California aged 86.

He was in his seventies when he was chosen to play the acid-tongued law professor in the film, *The Paper Chase*, with hardly any acting experience behind him. His performance won an Oscar and he soon became a familiar face in films and on television.

Up to then he was mainly known for his association with the young Orson Welles, as a Hollywood producer of unusual discernment and taste and, finally, for a career in the theatre that included directing Shakespeare and starting a school for actors.

He was born Jacques Haussmann in Bucharest on September 22, 1902, the son of an Alsatian Jewish father and a British mother. After a wandering childhood he went to Clifton College, where he was in the first rugby fifteen and edited the school magazine.

He won a scholarship to Cambridge but was sent to South America to learn the family grain business. He worked as a grain broker in London and made and lost a fortune in New York, before turning to writing and the stage. By 1935 he was running the government sponsored Negro Theatre Project in Harlem and it was with this company that Orson Welles, not quite 20, directed a brilliant all-black production of *Macbeth*.

In 1937 Houseman and Welles formed their own theatre, the Mercury, and their first production was a modern dress *Julius Caesar* that drew parallels with the rise of Fascism in Europe. In the following year they caused a national panic during their radio version of H. G. Wells's *The War of the Worlds* by announcing that the country was about to be invaded by Mars.

Houseman was the producer of Welles's abortive first film, *Too Much Johnson*, and made an important (though uncredited) contribution to Welles's masterpiece, *Citizen Kane*, writing the original version of the script with Herman Mankiewicz and acting as general adviser on the pre-production stages of the film.

Houseman and Welles, both possessors of colossal egos, subsequently fell out and they never worked together again, though Houseman collaborated on the script of the 1944 film, *Jane Eyre*, in which Welles played Rochester. In 1941 Houseman was briefly vice-president of David O. Selznick Productions before joining the Office of War Information, the propaganda arm of the United States Government, as head of the overseas radio division.

He returned to Hollywood in 1945 and over the next 20 years produced films of consistent quality and interest. The most ambitious was the 1953 version of *Julius Caesar*, with Marlon Brando and James Mason, which controversially but successfully mixed the traditional and "method" acting styles.

His other productions included *The Blue Dahlia*, a "B" thriller written by Raymond Chandler, Max Ophüls's stylish *Letter From an Unknown Woman*, and two early pictures of the director Nicholas Ray, *They Live By Night* and *On Dangerous Ground*.

Houseman also formed a sympathetic partnership with Vincente Minnelli that produced *The Bad and the Beautiful*, *Lust for Life* (a biography of Van Gogh with Kirk Douglas) and *Two Weeks in Another Town*.

Between films Houseman returned to New York to produce and direct plays and operas. He ran the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Connecticut, and in the early 1970s was artistic director of a touring group, the Actors' Company. He established a school of acting at the Juilliard Music School in New York.

Houseman's first film part was in the political thriller, *Seven Days in May*, in 1964, but he did not act again until his Professor Kingsfield in *The Paper Chase* ten years later. After that he was rarely off the screen, whether in films like *Three Days of the Condor*, *Rollerball*, *Old Boyfriends* and *The Fog*, or on television where he played Churchill in *Meeting at Potsdam* and repeated his acerbic professor in two series of *The Paper Chase*.

He was in London during 1985 to revive the "Labour Opera", *The Cradle Will Rock*, by Marc Blitzstein at the Old Vic and gave a lengthy reminiscence of the New York first night in 1937 before the performance began. But despite the presence of Patti Lupone in the cast what had enthralled left-wing New York almost fifty years ago did not grab London.

Houseman's memoirs were published in three parts as *Run-Through* (1972), *Front and Centre* (1979) and *Final Dress* (1983). A single volume edition, *Unfinished Business*, appeared in 1986. They amply reflect an outsize personality and a considerable talent.

His first wife was a silent screen actress, Zita Johann. The marriage was dissolved and in 1950 he married Joan Courtnay. She and their two sons survive him.

SIR JOHN WILLIS

Successful counsel in Vassall case

Sir John Willis, a former Judge of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, died on October 29, at the age of 80.

As Mr J. Ramsay Willis, QC, he built up a considerable reputation appearing at post-war planning and local government inquiries. In 1965 he chaired a departmental committtee set up by the Home Office which advised the government there was a continuing need for licensing planning.

But the most famous public issue in which Willis was involved concerned the Vassall spy case and the Radcliffe Tribunal which, in April 1963, cleared the then Mr T. G. D. Galbraith (later Lord Strathclyde) of any misconduct while serving as Civil Lord of the Admiralty between 1957 and 1959.

Acting as counsel for Galbraith, Willis argued the Scots politician was "a deeply wronged man" who had been "the target of a campaign against him mounted by the press and in Parliament."

Willis had the satisfaction of hearing the tribunal, after a 19-day long hearing, pronounce there had been "nothing improper in the relationship" between the junior minister and the Admiralty clerk, to whom he had written a series of personal letters and who was later found guilty of spying for the Russians.

As counsel Willis accused "certain journalists" of purveying gossip and rumour about "a man against whom not a breath of suspicion had ever existed."

Galbraith subsequently received substantial damages from both Beaverbrook Newspapers and the *Daily Mail*.

A country doctor's son with an ancestor who had been physician to King George III, Willis showed on various occasions that he was no friend of the popular press. One such case was in 1965 when, after holding an inquiry into the dismissal of Bognor Regis town clerk, he pronounced the dispute had reached national proportions "largely because of one-sided presentation in the press and on television."

Educated at Lancing and Trinity College, Dublin, Willis was called to the Bar in 1932. He served during the Second World War in the Royal Signals in France, India and Burma, ending the war as a lieutenant-colonel.

Willis, who became a QC in 1956, was appointed Recorder of Southampton in 1965 and joined the Queen's Bench Division, and was knighted, in April 1966. He retired in 1980.

DR MARION SMITH

Research on human nervous system

Dr Marion Smith, a distinguished neuroanatomist and former President of the British Neuropathological Society, died on October 19 at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, where she had worked for forty years.

Known to most as 'Mai' she was born in Glasgow in 1915 and studied at its University. Her father was opposed to women entering the medical profession, so she read for an Honours Degree in Zoology, tutored her fellow students and in this way astutely funded her way through medical school eventually to qualify in 1944.

Pursuing a wish to do anatomical research on the human nervous system she first received training in histopathological techniques under Dr J G Greenfield at the National Hospital. In 1948 she joined the Neurological Research Unit of the Medical Research Council. Throughout this entire period much of her work was done in collaboration with the neurologist, Dr Peter Nathan.

Dr Smith made many major contributions to basic knowledge of the anatomy of the human cerebellum, brainstem and spinal cord.

After retirement in 1980 she continued both her research at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford and her collaboration with Dr Nathan. At the age of 69 her submitted work gained her a Doctorate of Science at her old university.

Latest wills

Sir Charles Gerald Stewkley Shuckburgh, 12th Bt, of White Colne, Essex, left estate valued at £851,102 net.

Mr Bernard John Austin, assistant referee at Wimbledon, left estate valued at £125,242 net.

Mrs Pauline Elizabeth Lydia Fuller, of Bosham, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,599,050 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Dame Elizabeth Cockayne, of Cobham, Surrey, first chief nursing officer of the National Health Service, left estate valued at £274,016 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter of still life, Paris, 1699; Marie Antoinette, queen of France, Vienna, 1755; George Sorel, socialist, Cherbourg, 1847; Warren Harding, 29th president of the USA 1921-23; Blooming Grove, Ohio, 1865.

DEATHS: Richard Hooker, theologian, Bishopsbourne, Kent, 1600; Richard Banroft, Archbishop of Canterbury 1604-10, London, 1610; Sir Samuel Romilly, law reformer, committed suicide, London, 1818; Jenny Lind, soprano, Malvern, 1887; George Bernard Shaw, Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, 1950;

Appointments

Dr Paul Freeman, Director of the Treasury's Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, to be Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office and the Queen's Printer of Acts of Parliament on January 3, in succession to Mr John Dole.

Mr Victor Gordon Wellings, QC, to be President of the Lands Tribunal from January 1, in succession to Sir Douglas Frank.

Mr A. D. Moon to be joint Registrar for the district of Leicester County Court and joint District Registrar in the District Registry of the High Court at Leicester from December 1.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.
Revelation 2:19

BIRTHS

BOND - On October 30th, to Susie (née Curtis) and Richard, a son, Henry Peter Ashley.

BRISTOW - On October 18th 1988, to Anne (née Bantin) and Alan, a daughter, Alice Kate.

BRUCE - On October 27th, in Dublin, to Antonia (née Sherman) and Michael, a daughter, Anna Victoria.

BUCHANAN - On October 31st, to Susie (née Robertson) and Andy, a son, Rory, a brother for Henritta and Louisa.

ENGLAND - On October 28th 1988, in Sydney, to Lauren (née Massam) and Patrick, a son, Dominic.

GIBBS - On October 31st, to Anne-Louise and the late Alexander Gibbs, a daughter, Victoria.

GOODCHILD - On October 21st, to Lies (née De Boer) and Robin, a daughter, Coby (Anna Jacobina).

GREGORY - On October 29th, to Celia (née Strachan) and *Philip*, a son, Justin Michael, a brother for Mark.

HORNYOLD-STRICKLAND - On October 27th, to Tessa and Robert, a son, Rollo Michael, a brother for Francis.

HUDSON - On October 28th 1988, to Hilary (née Cartwright) and Jeremy, a son, Peter Charles Erskine, a brother for John Henry and Elizabeth.

KING - On October 31st at Pembury Hospital to Rena (née Gredziuk) and Geoffrey, a son, Alexander George Peter.

KRAUS - On October 27th, to Rebecca and John, a lovely daughter, Cecilia Elizabeth.

LODGE - On October 26th, unexpectedly at home in Walton-on-Thames, to Carol (née Dearnley) and Chris, a son (*Alexander James*), a brother for Rowena. Our thanks to the Ambulance Crew for the express delivery.

MAYES - On October 31st, to Shirley (née Bothroyd) and Ian, a son, Oliver Tobias.

MOULE - On October 27th, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Celia (née Cubbon) and Martin, a son.

SQUIRES - On October 31st, to *Mary* (née Browne) and Stephen, a daughter, Charlotte.

WHITEHORN - On October 31st, to Margie (née Orr-Ewing) and David, the gift of a second daughter, Esther.

MARRIAGES

HILL:EDMONDSON-JONES - On October 28th 1988, in York, Richard Ian Hill, youngest son of Mrs Edith Pilling, of Malton to Sarah Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Edmondson-Jones, *of* Easingwold.

WHITING:ROCKALL - On October 29th, at Beechen Grove Baptist Church, Watford, Toby, second son of the Reverend Peter & Mrs Whiting, to Anna, only daughter of Mr & Mrs Jim Rockall of Flitwick.

DEATHS

BURLINSON - On October 30th 1988, suddenly on the golf course, Harry Burlinson O.B.E., F.R.Pharm.S., D.B.A., of Ashton-Under-Lyne and Colwyn Bay. Darling husband and caring and joyful companion of Mildred and much loved brother of Fred and Tom. Thanksgiving service for his life at Bardsley Parish Church, Ashton-Under-Lyne / Oldham Boundary (A627) at 1.45 pm on Friday November 4th. Donations if desired to, The Guide Dogs For The Blind Association, *c/o* Kenworthy's Funeral Service, 170 Old Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire OL6 7ST, to whom all enquiries should be made on: 061 330 1521.

BECKWITH - On October 31st, peacefully at Cirencester, Ivy Agnes (née Curtis), loving mother of Bill, and devoted grandmother. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium, 12 noon, on Monday November 7th. Flowers to Cowley & Son, 12 Black Jack Street, Cirencester.

BUCKNALL - On October 29th, at home after a long illness gallantly borne, Rupert Belling A.F.C. aged 80. Beloved husband for 51 years, of Sheila and loving and loved father of Amanda and Belinda Mm. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Nicholas Church, Remenham, Berkshire, on Friday November 11th at 3pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Radio Therapy Appeal, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Berkshire.

BULLOCK - On October 29th, in Cambridge, Percy, beloved husband of Dorothy and Boatman and friend to many generations of oarsmen at Jesus College, Cambridge. Funeral at Christ Church, Newmarket Road, on Monday November 7th at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, but donations for British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research may be sent to Weymans Funeral Service, 26 Abbey Walk, Cambridge. Memorial Service to be arranged.

BUTLER - On October 29th 1988, John William Charles, dearly loved husband of Coral (née Fairweather). Funeral Service and Cremation at Golders Green Cemetery, on Friday November 4th at 11.40am. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association.

CAMERON - On November 1st 1988, peacefully at home in Henley on Thames, after a long illness bravely borne, Ilse, beloved wife of Ian. Funeral Service at St Botolph's Church, Swyncombe, Oxon, on Monday November 7th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to, Sue Ryder Foundation, Nettlebed, Oxon.

CANTRELL - On October 30th, peacefully after a short illness, Lt. Col. Felix Cantrell O.B.E., late R.T.R., beloved father of Ann, brother of Edie, and Edna. Funeral service at The Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, on Monday November 7th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to, Cancer Research, c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

CROMPTON-INGLEFIELD - On October 31st at home, Colonel Sir John Frederick Crompton-Inglefield T.D. D.L., formerly of Parwich, Derbyshire. Loved husband of Rose and father of Patricia, Isma and Caroline. Funeral will take place at St Peter's Church, Parwich at 2.30 pm on Tuesday November 8th. Enquiries to Wathall & Son, 101 Macklin Street, Derby. Tel: (0332) 45268.

DAVIES - On October 31st, suddenly at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Evelyn, of Alfreda Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff. Beloved wife of the late Alun Vaughan. Devoted mother of Peter and dearest mother in law of Elizabeth. Resting at D.J.Evans Forse & Co., Whitchurch Funeral Home, until the Service at St Mary's Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff, on Friday November 4th at 1.15 pm, followed by cremation at Glyntaff. *Donations in lieu of flowers* to Heart Research Fund c/o Mr I.M. Breckenridge, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

DOBSON - On October 29th, Brian M.B., Ch.B., M.Phil., M.R.C.Psych, CPTM (I.T.A.A.). Sadly missed by all whose lives he touched and especially Sue and Petruska. Memorial service at Metanoia, 13 North Common Road, Ealing W5, at 7.15pm today, Wednesday November 2nd. No flowers, donations to charity. - Metanoia Education For Living, of which he was the Medical Director.

DUTTON - On October 28th 1988, peacefully after a long illness, Alfred Ernest, in his 82nd year. Much loved husband, brother, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at The Chapel, Allerton Cemetery, Liverpool, at 2.20pm, Thursday November 3rd. Enquiries to Pearson-Collinson Funeral Services, 91 Allerton Road, Liverpool 18 2DD. 051 734 1346.

DOUGLAS - On November 1st, 1988, peacefully at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, Kenneth William, aged 73. Funeral private. Loved and sadly missed by his family.

FAWCETT - On October 30th 1988, peacefully at Yeovil Hospital, Bill Fawcett, aged 80, of Kincraig, Arnside, Cumbria. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at 2.30 pm Friday November 4th, at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium, Powderhouse Lane, Lancaster. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to: R.N.L.I. Arnside Branch, c/o Mr Barton, Harwin, Briery Bank, Arnside, Cumbria. (0524) 761402.

GREENLEAVES - On October 30th 1988, suddenly at North Perrott, Cecilia Joyce (née Parker) aged 79. Funeral at St Martin's, North Perrott, Friday November 4th at 2.30pm. Flowers to Stoodley Crewkerne, or donations to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

GREENWOOD - On October 30th, peacefully in Norfolk, Stephanie Kathleen Greenwood M.B.E. (née Davidson Houston). Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral 2.30pm, Friday November 4th at St Martins Church, Hindringham, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GRIFFIN - On November 1st, Cyril Haydn (Griff). Beloved husband of Eileen, and a dear father of Susan and Nicolas and grandfather of Jonathan, Annabel, Giles and Sarah. Funeral private. No letters or flowers please. Donations in his memory may be sent to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock Square, London WC1.

HODGSON - On November 1st, Martha, widow of Patrick and of Sir Edward Keeling. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Brompton, at 12.00 noon on Wednesday November 9th. Family flowers only, donations to Holy Trinity Brompton, or the Royal Marsden Hospital.

KOMUKYEYA OF TORO - On October 30th, peacefully in Rome, from injuries sustained in the Ugandan airliner crash 2 weeks ago. Princess Victoria Komukyeya of Toro. Dearly loved wife of Sir Ronald Bennett, mother of Jennifer, Brian and Harriet and grandmother to Noel and Amelia. Her son is taking her home to Uganda.

LYNDON - On October 31st 1988, after a tragic car accident, Brian P. Lyndon, aged 38, Schoolmaster and Historian, of King Edward VI School, Southampton. He will be greatly missed by colleagues, pupils and past pupils.

LYNN - On October 29th 1988, Rev Matthew James Frederick, M.A., dearly loved husband of Florence, father of Peter, Gillian, Trevor, Michael, Deirdre, grandfather of Patrick, Matthew, Simon and Timothy. Funeral service at St Mary's, Kings Worthy, near Winchester, at 2pm on November 3rd, followed by burial at St Swithun's, Headbourne Worthy, nr Winchester. Thanksgiving service at Holy Trinity, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, at 3.30pm on November 4th. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation c/o Weaver Bros Ltd, Funeral Directors, Bembridge, I.W. (0983) 872598.

MALINS - On October 30th, suddenly, Samuel Edward aged 77 years, of Tintinhull House Yeovil. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church Tintinhull, on Friday November 4th at 2.45pm. Donations if desired for St Margaret's Church *c/o* Harold F Miles F.D. South Cadbury, Yeovil. Tel: 0963 40367.

NAGLE - On October 30th 1988, suddenly at her home Little Mayfield, West Chiltington, Sussex, Florence aged 94 years. Daughter of the late Sir William George Watson Bt. and Lady Bessie Watson. Funeral service at St Mary Abbot Church, Sulhamstead, Berkshire, at Monday November 7th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to W Bryder & Sons, Tillington, near Petworth, W. Sussex.

PICKERING - On Friday October 28th, in Bromley General Hospital, at rest after a prolonged illness bravely borne, Edith Lilian, aged 74. Funeral at Elmers End Cemetery, on November 7th at 1.00pm. No flowers please.

RAILING - On October 28th 1988, tragically, James Peter, dearly loved son of Peter and Joanna and brother of Mark, Harry and Andrew. No flowers please but if desired donations to any societies treating drug abuse. Requium Mass at St Anthony and St George's Roman Catholic Church, Duncton, West Sussex, on Thursday November 3rd at 12 noon.

RATNASINGHAM - On October 10th 1988, peacefully at his home, Sittampalam. Much loved by family and friends. Cremation has already taken place, scattering of the ashes will be on November 9th.

SORSBIE On October 29th, suddenly in London, Sir Malin Sorsbie C.B.E. Beloved and loving husband of the late Constantine Eugenie, Lady Sorsbie, and loving father of Camilla. Funeral service West Chapel, Golders Green Crematoriam, Tuesday November 8th at 11am. Flowers and enquiries to W. Garstin & Son. 01 935 4868.

STRAFFORD - On October 30th, at Uckfield Hospital, East Sussex, Lawrance George in his 97th year. Cremation private. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Cooper & Son Funeral Service, Uckfield, East Sussex. (0825) 3763.

SULLIVAN - *On October 30th*, peacefully after a short illness in Zimbabwe, Muriel, wife of the late Sir Richard Sullivan and dearly loved mother of Richard and Michael.

WALKER - On October 31st, peacefully at St Lukes Hospital, Guildford, Lilian Evelyn, of Chiddingfold. Beloved aunt of Jock and Alastair and lifelong friend of Irene. Funeral service at Chiddingfold Parish Church at 2.30 pm on November 7th. Cremation private, no flowers, donations to Cancer Research.

WATSON - On October 30th 1988, at home, Francis Lesley Watson O.B.E. Beloved husband of Claire father to Giles and John Hill-Murray. Funeral service at St Michaels, Highgate at noon on November 4th. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Cancer Research.

WINBUSH - On October 31st, peacefully at Lingfield, after an illness borne with great courage, Mary Elizabeth aged 86. Beloved wife of Tony and mother of Tim and Peter. Funeral service at Lingfield Parish Church, on Monday November 7th at 11am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations may be made to, Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

YOUNG - On October 28th, peacefully after a short illness, Joan widow of the late Sir George Young 4th Baronet. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Sonning, at 2.30 pm on Thursday November 3rd.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CURTIS - A Memorial Service for W.H.(Bill) Curtis, C.B., C.B.E., and the interment of his ashes will be held at the Parish Church, Dunsfold, Surrey, on Wednesday November 16th at 11.30am.

McFALL - David R.A. At St James Church, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, 8th November at 11.30am.

POOLE-HUGHES - A Memorial Service for the Right Reverend John Richard Worthington Poole-Hughes, will be held at Llandaff Cathedral, on Friday November 11th at 2.00pm.

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BARTON - Edward John, Priest.- Ethel and Geoffrey. In *Loving Memory*: Today and Always.- C. 'In God's Keeping.'

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WILKINSON - W. Ross. Remembered with great love dearest, by us all. Joan

SCIENCE REPORT

Hercules' energy puzzles researchers

Astronomy is full of instances when scientists have built new kinds of detector and discovered strange objects in the sky.

In a variation on this theme, a report in the current issue of *Physical Review Letters* describes how a detector built for earth-bound experiments was adapted to look at a well-known object in the sky, with the result that a new kind of radiation may have been found.

Hercules X-1 is the brightest source of X-rays in the constellation of Hercules. It can be seen in visible light, and instruments aboard high-flying balloons have also measured gamma-rays (radiation still higher in energy than X-rays) coming from it.

Its emission varies repetitively in a three ways, with a fast pulsation every 1.2378 seconds, a slower change in intensity every 1.7 days, and a longer on-off cycle lasting 35 days.

To explain these three cycles, astro-physicists have come up with a three-component model of Hercules X-1. It consists of a small, very dense neutron star orbiting around a normal star about twice the size of the Sun; gas from the bigger star is torn away by the powerful gravity of the neutron star, and accumulates into a disk around it.

Material in the disk falls at enormous speed on to the neutron star, heats up violently when it hits the surface and generates a beam of X-rays which rotates with the neutron star, once every 1.2378 seconds. The neutron star orbits around its companion every 1.7 days, and the disk of material wobbles, like a spinning top, obscuring our view of the neutron star on a 35-day cycle.

A 19-strong research team, including Darragh Nagle, of Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico, Jeremy Lloyd-Evans, of Sussex University, and colleagues at several US universities, looked for cascades of light rays and subatomic particles produced by high energy radiation from Hercules X-1 crashing into atoms in the upper atmosphere.

The light was detected using an array of 64 instruments spread over an area of ground 100 by 100 metres high up in the mountains near Los Alamos. To detect the particles, especially a variety known as the muon, produced in nuclear collisions, they used an underground detector built for one of the particle accelerators at the laboratory.

The team detected simultaneous showers of light and muons, indicating the arrival of high energy radiation from Hercules X- 1, and established that the radiation arrived almost in sychrony with the known 1.2378 second period. In fact, the period they measured was about two thousandths of a second shorter.

One possible explanation is that while the X-rays come from the surface of the neutron star, the higher energy radiation comes from a little further out, where the rotation period is not quite the same. A more puzzling discovery is that the number of muons in the cascades was high compared to the amount of light measured.

If the cascades in the upper atmosphere were initiated by ultra-high energy gamma rays, standard physics would not predict so many muons. On the other hand, none of the particles known to physicists is both capable of producing the muons and also travelling from Hercules X-1, 15,000 light years away, to Los Alamos.

The ideal solution for theoretical physicists would be that the experiments are wrong. But a few years ago, similar findings were made by a different group, which found muon-rich particle showers apparently initiated by something coming from Cygnus X-3, a stellar object rather like Hercules X-1.

The energy of the mystery particles is higher than anything that has been produced in the laboratory, and the simplest explanation may be that Hercules X-1 and Cygnus X-3 are indeed sending gamma-rays to us, *but that at these enormous* energies gamma-rays do not behave they way physicists would predict.

This solution will undoubtedly cause some upset, but not as much as inventing a completely new particle for this one purpose.

David Lindley

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Horticulture

A cascade of colourful blooms

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Corresponden

Cascade chrysanthemums dripping from pedestals above a sea of charm varieties with myriad small starry blooms form an effective centrepiece for the Royal Horticultural Society's late autumn flower show.

Although the show is somewhat depleted by the last-minute withdrawal of several exhibitors, Slough Corporation Parks Department has saved the event with its gold-medal winning chrysanthemum spectacular.

As expected this late in the year, the show has an indoor theme, with an impressive autumnal display of Japanese flower arrangements from the Surrey branch of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana, including a charming tangle of dried climbing stems and rose hips reminiscent of an autumn hedgerow. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

A gold medal has also gone to Brigid Edwards, of Oxford, for watercolour paintings of alliums (ornamental onions).

Several exhibitors are showing cacti and succulents, including H.R.Jeffs and G. Southon, of Nutfield, Surrey, who grow them as a hobby. They are showing echeverias, rosette succulents with foliage colour including grey and purple. The centrepiece of the display is a collection of Californian hybrids with crinkle-edged leaves, raised by Dick Wright.

The cactus and succulent display from Southfield Nurseries, of Grimsby, South Humberside, features *Crassula* 'Hummel's Sunset' with multicoloured foliage (pink, green and gold) - as colourful as any croton but easier to grow.

Vibrant purple and yellow daisy flowers denote collections of conophytums (pebble-like succulents) on the stand of amateur growers Mr and Mrs W.L. Tjaden, of Welling, Kent.

The RHS competition for autumnal trees and shrubs adds considerable colour to the show and the Stephenson Clarke cup for four vases has been won by Sheffield Park Gardens, Uckfield, East Sussex.

In another class their vase of *Acer rubrum* 'October Glory', a maple with flame-coloured foliage, has not only gained a first prize, but also an award of merit when shown before the committees.

The Wellcome Foundation, of Beckenham, Kent, has gained a first prize for a vase of callicarpa with dense bunches of violet berries (often these are sparsely produced, creating little impact).

The show, in the new Horticultural Hall, Westminster, is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Birthdays today

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Kent

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Dated this 28th day of October 1988
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Solicitors for the above named Company

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THE ARTS

Butterfly in a corrugated iron cage

OPERA

Madama Butterfly
Covent Garden

All too often in the past, productions borrowed by Covent Garden have been mere temporary accommodation for a star, or perhaps a couple of stars. But in the case of *Madama Butterfly*, which arrives courtesy of Scottish Opera, it is the vehicle itself which is the prime attraction. And this is said out of no disrespect to Catherine Malfitano, singing her first London Cio-Cio-San, although she is familiar in the part elsewhere. Her Butterfly gathers ever increasing strength and ends by being a powerful and poignant creation.

John Cox's last commission when he was holding the reins at Scottish Opera was to persuade the Spanish director Nuria Espert into the lyric theatre. Now that he is production director at Covent Garden he must be well pleased with that legacy. And Ms Espert too is presumably happy with her handiwork as more operas are to follow, including a *Rigoletto* for Covent Garden next month. She has gone on record as saying that she likes to create a "mood" on stage. And that she certainly does in *Madama Butterfly:* it is one of moral squalor. With the help of her designer, Ezio Frigerio, who has produced one of the most convincing sets seen at the Garden for many a moon, she places Butterfly in a tenement block. As Hilary Finch described from Glasgow last year, it is a miserable place of corrugated iron and outside staircases. The sole splash of colour comes from a central mass of purple blossom: a wisteria grows in Nagasaki.

A few years ago at the Coliseum, Graham Vick had Cio-Cio-San living in similarly dismal quarters and Pinkerton hopping across duckboards through the mud with Sharpless sweating on behind. Espert's view is even sterner; it is strictly feminist and anti-imperialist. None of the males, and especially the American males, has more than half an ounce of goodness in him. And geisha life is sordid.

Cio-Cio-San is constantly spied on from those iron balconies, which might be Catfish Row without the jollity, whether lovingly by Suzuki or with greed by the pimps around her. When dawn rises in the second scene of Act II, it is not a golden affair, but one of scurrying black figures emptying the slops. The bird song demanded by Puccini is distinctly muted — not many feathers in this part of town apart from those in the mattresses hung out to air. And Butterfly herself at the end is slumped bleeding over a railing like a piece of bedding.

The rigour of Espert's staging, with its emphasis on intense and ugly domesticity, brings some drawbacks especially in the unduly sombre Act I. Malfitano missed a little of Cio-Cio-San's girlish anticipation of her husband to be, although there is one marvellous moment when she almost curls into a foetus in a dark corner of the stage on asking Pinkerton to love her as a child ("un bene di bambino").

All is geared to Act II, played without a break, and it is here that, Malfitano, who is quite a heavyweight soprano nowadays, shows her real power. "Un bel di" was excellently judged and the death scene carried all the emotional charge Nuria Espert draws from her native Spanish actors.

For reasons not quite clear the production is set in the late Thirties. Arthur Davies's Pinkerton is more an American vagabond than a cad. Jonathan Summers's Sharpless is sung with equal assurance, a cool consul who does not care for dirtying himself with the matters going on around him. Miao Qing, despite some poor diction, is a watchful Suzuki and there are sharp characterizations in the minor parts, especially John Dobson's suave Goro.

The only disappointing feature is the conducting of Michael Schonwandt. Perhaps the dramatic subtleties of Sinopoli's recent DG recording are ringing too loudly in the ears. But Schonwandt until the final scene sounded too often routine.

Frigerio should get rid of the irritating gauze which puts a block between stage and audience, but otherwise he and Espert have given London a compelling taste of music theatre.

John Higgins

ZOE DOMINIC

Poignant: Catherine Malfitano with Joanne Shreever as Sorrow

TELEVISION

Poachers face a grilling

Keeping alive an old tradition and adapting that tradition with advanced methods and entrepreneurial flair, the new breed of British poacher might be thought to merit awards from the British Tourist Authority and the CBI. *Brass Tacks* (BBC2) showed both sides of the coin: shy salmon-snafflers with spookily unlit faces called "Mike" or "Dave"; and frankly outspoken hi-tech water bailiffs nostalgic for the old dispensation of modest rogues coming quietly.

Some things will never change, especially aged gents in green duvets dispatching fish with the words: "That'll stop you coughing in church". The programme did not have to spell out the fact that the business of poaching provides a neat microcosm of the class system, complete with a sergeant-major buffer-caste of gamekeepers and food inspectors.

One of the latter appeared frowning over an untouched plate of venison in a Taunton hotel while discoursing on the putrefaction to which improperly killed deer flesh is prey. Backstage, a slightly agitated chef repeatedly assured this gentleman of the pains his kitchen takes to cook only non-lethal meat. Unwary diners might also, it transpired, find themselves ingesting doses of a fabulously potent tranquillizer. Quite unexpectedly, Max Easterman's engaging report had turned into the biggest thumbs-down venison has ever received on the small screen.

The only poaching going on in the last of the marvellously idiosyncratic *Floyd On Britain And Ireland* (also BBC2) was that of Orcadian fish in fish stock. In a rare excess of magnanimity towards edible fauna, the galloping gourmet returned to the briny a lobster that his team of divers had only just brought up from the seabed. The animal resumed normal service below the waves, no doubt reflecting on its good fortune in having been landed on a boat whose galley did not possess a large enough pot. Quite how the poet George Mackay Brown fitted into the menu was not made clear: this is very much part of the Floyd charm.

Martin Cropper

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In grey, but glad of it

Edward Herrmann is fed up with playing the Tall American In Suit. But he has no complaints about his latest role, suit or not, as he tells **Sheridan Morley**

ADRIAN BROOKS

A joker fighting to get out: "In *A Walk In The Woods* I really wanted to play the Russian because he has more jokes," says Edward Herrmann

A Walk in the Woods, which opens tomorrow at the Comedy after a week of previews and a triumphant Broadway season earlier this year, is Lee Blessing's two-character drama about the career diplomats from Moscow and Washington who meet during a Geneva conference to talk through their personal and political differences. For London, the role of the Russian negotiator is played by Sir Alec Guinness and that of the American by Edward Herrmann, last seen here as T.S. Eliot in *Tom and Viv* at the Royal Court.

Though he has lately been playing in films as straight man to the likes of Goldie Hawn (*Overboard*) and Bette Midler (*Big Business*), Herrmann is probably most familiar from television serials such as *Eleanor and Franklin*, in which he played Roosevelt from 20 to 70, and *Concealed Enemies* in which he played Alger Hiss. His start was, however, at a London drama school; in 1967 at the age of 24 he won a Fulbright scholarship to Lamda and studied under Michael MacOwan there.

"People were always amazed that I was even taller than Vanessa Redgrave, but they seemed impressed that an actor had managed to win a Fulbright, especially as during the Vietnam war we had been classified alongside philosophers as the profession of least necessity to the national welfare. At first they seemed kind of surprised at Lamda that I could speak English in complete sentences, but I always thought I had some sort of local background because at the Palladium back in the 1850s there was a magician called Herrman The Great who lasted a thousand performances.

"In my time at Lamda every American wanted to be an English actor; Olivier was still rampantly healthy, you could see Ralph Richardson for five shillings, and I got very depressed about having to return to America and to a classical theatre that just didn't seem to exist over there; but then a curious thing happened. About halfway through my year in London I went to the National Film Theatre to see a season of Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn and suddenly realized there was no need to be blinded by English superiority. Our people could do great work too. After that I also began to notice that the English were capable of giving some quite terrible performances as well as the great ones, and somehow it didn't seem so bad to be an American actor after all."

Herrmann then returned to America, married (though he is now separated) and carved out a career of considerable classical distinction in regional theatres. Four years ago, he was first sent the script of *A Walk in the Woods* with a view to playing it at the Yale Rep in New Haven.

"I really wanted to play the Russian because he has more jokes and I was getting fed up with always being cast as Tall American In Suit. But those plans fell through, and so when it came around again for London because Sam Waterston didn't want to repeat his Broadway role over here, I was more than delighted. How could you not want to work with Alec Guinness?

"For the first week of rehearsal I just stared at him, amazed that he'd learnt all the lines. The greats are usually like that: when I did *The Betsy* with Olivier he used to check his Michigan accent with me and I suddenly realized that that generation is never looking for homage from other actors; what they want is to be challenged by us.

"I think *Walk in the Woods* may be more topical now than when Lee Blessing first wrote it back in 1985: it's pre-*glasnost* but if, God forbid, Bush does win the election then we may well go back to a much colder climate. And yet in a curious way it's less a power play than the story of two men going on a pilgrimage through their own lives in the grip of something much bigger than them.

"In that sense it isn't a play likely to date very fast, and I think it has something to say about men coming to terms with their own destinies far beyond Geneva itself or any single conference about world peace."

THEATRE

Revenge of the chorus

The Bacchae
Lyric, Hammersmith

A sacred text of the Sixties, Euripides's tragedy has hitherto been staged as a dreadful warning on the dangers of repression: with Dionysus's hideous punishment of the rebellious Pentheus carrying the message that whatever you turn your back on will get you in the end.

In Nancy Meckler's Shared Experience production (first seen at the Edinburgh Festival), attention shifts to the female chorus of the title: subjects first of an earthly tyrant, and then the maddened slaves of a revengeful god — either way getting a raw deal from male authority.

Both autocrats are cut down to size. Simon Tyrrell's Dionysus makes his first appearance as a hollow-voiced boy speaking in wondering doubt of his own divinity, appealing to the spectators to acknowledge the justice of his cause, and carrying out his plan in a spirit of resentful pique against the slur on his Olympian credentials.

Peter Hamilton Dyer partners him as a puny, sneering Pentheus in a pin-stripe suit who comes out of the closet as a graceless drag queen on the fatal excursion to Cithaeron.

If you see them as two sides of the same character, the performance works extremely well: each sadistically caressing the other in their moments of power, and playing the deadly double meanings ("You spoil me", "I mean to spoil you") with a gentle under-emphasis that chills the blood.

Under-emphasis stops short with the four-girl chorus, which supports the central action with keening chants and percussive savagery on home made instruments.

Possessed by Dionysus, they become extensions of his body, responding as though they had received the blow when Pentheus knocks him to the floor, spectrally assembling at his call when Pentheus embarks on a slow-motion death march.

At the burning of the palace, Meckler stunningly dims the overhead lights and sets them swaying, and then descending one by one to a few inches above the stage floor where the women lie in grief.

This process involves doubling Euripides's Theban chorus with the Bacchae: so that Roger Frost has to deliver the story of Pentheus's death to the cannibal party which has just killed him.

That confusion apart, the scene sustains a lurid image of ecstatically messy horror, and achieves the full tragic dimension with Claire Benedict's long cry — a sound of animal anguish tugged up from the gut — as Agave recognizes the deception that has been practised on her by the kindly god.

Irving Wardle

With friends like the cast of an American revue, who needs enemies? **Holly Hill** reports from New York

Butchered on Broadway

A satirical cabaret revue which has been milking Broadway's sacred cows since 1983, *Forbidden Broadway 1988* (Theatre East), is a new edition brimming with British clotted cream. The programme sports the note: "*Forbidden Broadway* wishes to thank Terry Hands and the RSC for permission to use the English language." The show begins with a spoof on technology: "Today it doesn't matter if the plot gets in a rut/You can always spin the set so fast you won't know who did what", then moves into a satire on ticket touts. To the tune of "A Fugue for Tinhorns" from *Guys and Dolls*, one tout sings: "I got the *Phantom* here/The ticket's in the rear/But you can see right through the chandelier."

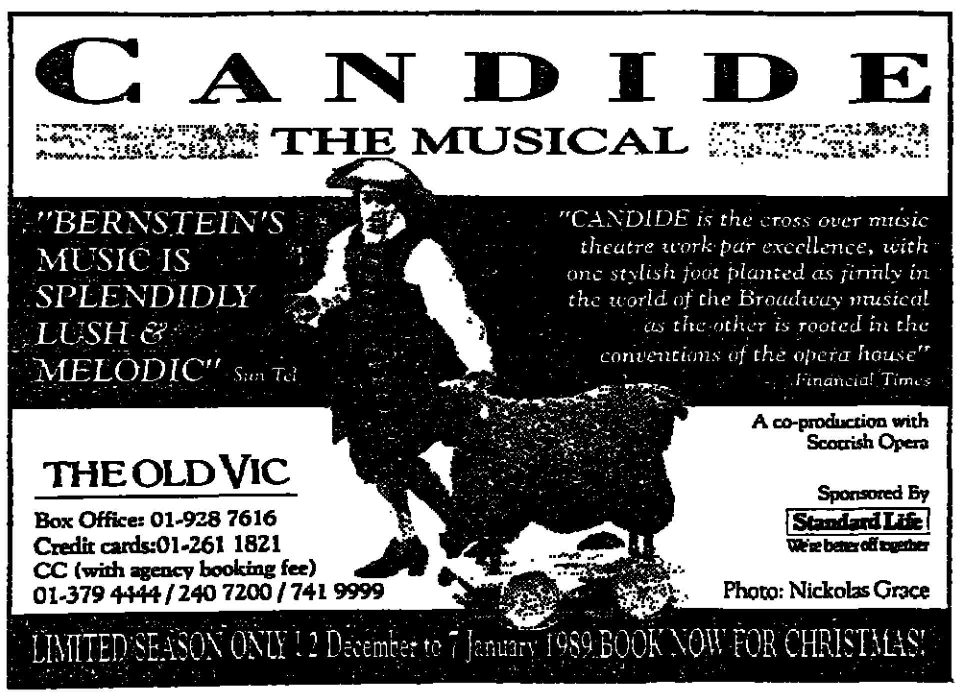
Forbidden Broadway's *Phantom of the Musical* sends up Andrew Lloyd Webber as a Phantom whose deformity is a Mickey Mouse face. Sarah Brightman emits several "tweets" through buck teeth and, to the tune of "When I Marry Mister Snow" from *Carousel*, trills: "When I marry Andrew Lloyd/I'll be at the centre of the *Phantom* craze/And I needn't show up for matinées." Cameron Mackintosh, dressed like Napoleon, has one number about his domination of musical theatre and another, to "My Favourite Things" from *The Sound of Music*, about his marketing of souvenirs, "Sweatshirts and cat's ears and key chains and whiskers".

The highlights in a show full of fun are a spoof of Stephen Sondheim's lyrics to the tune of his current hit *Into the Woods*: "Into the words that trip your lips and fry your brain and spring your tongue... I sort of hate to ask it/But what's a rhyme for basket?" and a medley of songs from *Les Misérables*, performed as if the players are on a treadmill. Fantine's solo comes out "I dreamed a dream in days gone by/When all the scenery was pretty/I didn't sing one song and die"."

The concept, staging, and often inspired parody lyrics are by Gerard Allesandrini, with a cast of four dynamic chameleons and a pianist who impersonates an orchestra. *Forbidden Broadway, 1988* has some slack in retreads from previous editions, but it remains the class act in American satirical revues.

The autumn theatre season has burst from the starting gate at a heartening pace. *Blues in the Night* (Minetta Lane Theatre) has found a home Off-Broadway; Soho Rep's *The Blitzstein Project* is presenting an accomplished cast of ten in some of Marc Blitzstein's familiar music and the professional stage premieres of short operatic pieces *The Harpies* and *I've Got the Tune*. The music sounds more a curiosity than a revelation, but the programme has been imaginatively woven together and staged by Carol Cowen. The American Place Theatre's American Humourists Series is off to a gallop with *Calvin Trillin's Uncle Sam*, featuring the deadpan delivery and wry humour ("I could never convince my maths teacher that my answers were meant ironically") of the *New Yorker* writer.

Craig Lucas's Off-Broadway show *Reckless* (Circle Rep) is a bizarre comedy about a young woman (another gem from the comic actress Robin Bartlett) who is on the run from a husband who has taken out a contract on her life. Her adventures involve ever more weirdly appealing people and situations until, in the last of several inventive plot twists, her 20 year odyssey comes to a grace note.



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Royal Festival Hall

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Pierre Amoyal's performance with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Matthias Bamert projected much of its tense, fraught nature. If finally we were not entirely devastated, it was hardly the soloist's fault.

He was both courageous and introspective, spinning his line with fine regard for the taut, propulsive quality of the work, but he failed ultimately to expose and exploit the underlying rawness.

One of Bamert's strengths is his feeling for texture: just as that of the Schoenberg concerto was always impeccably clear, so was his account of Brahms' Fourth Symphony a model of lucid textures.

The credit should be extended to the orchestra, who, notwithstanding the occasional fluff, played well as a team, allowing the antiphonal exchanges of the first movement to make their full impact.

The performance rarely sank to the level of the perfunctory on this occasion, and at its best — the close of the first movement — there was an urgency and an inevitability that raised it above the routine.

Barry Millington

LONDON DÉBUTS

Daniel Shapiro from Los Angeles was the 1988 winner of the Joanna Hodges international piano competition in California, which brought his London début in the Academy of London's American Artists series. He was the soloist in Mozart's E flat Piano Concerto (K 271), a mostly spirited performance conducted by Richard Stamp at St John's, Smith Square.

Only in the central andante movement was the pianist apt to hold back from the music's minor key pathos and cloak it in a certain formality, as if to save the more expressive character for the sensuous minuet passage that intrudes into the finale. Otherwise the playing had a fleetness of fingerwork and a rhythmic poise and elegance.

Vanessa Latarche was able to call on experience abroad as well as at home for her solo programme at the Purcell Room, where she made much of the contrast between form and content in her choice of works. The elegance of style in Mozart's B flat Sonata (K 370) was perfectly complemented by the precise and delicate judgement she brought to Shoenberg's *Six Little Pieces*, Op 19, the pearl of her programme.

On a more generous scale she embraced the romantic warmth of Schubert's A major Sonata (D 959) with open ardour marred only by a touch of over-pedalling, and although she did not entirely divest Franck's *Prelude, Chorale and Fugue* of its organ-like associations, her strength of expressive phrasing brought it closer to the livelier spirit of Franck's *Symphonic Variations*.

Noël Goodwin

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Marriages of inconvenience

Is the mobile executive really putting his marriage at risk? Victoria McKee looks at the facts

HARRY KERR

Professional helpline: Sue Shortland takes the trauma out of staff moves by putting companies in touch with counselling and service agencies

A Bristol doctor wrote to *The Times* last week about a potent source of ill health in Britain, the symptoms of which he is treating almost daily in his surgery.

"In my work as a general practitioner I see families disrupted by repeated moves," Dr Robin Lambert wrote. "The sequence starts with the husband's promotion from one area to another. Months may go by before his wife and children are able to move to live with him again. In the meantime he is, in effect, a single man, living in a strange town, away from home comforts. He is easy prey to an extra-marital affair, while his wife and family become used to life without him . . ."

He talks of divorce and delinquency, psychological and psychosomatic problems which mark the downward spiral of upward mobility.

When Lambert's letter was published, the Institute of Personnel Management was holding its conference in Harrogate, with a special session for the problems of relocation and representations from the growing band of "relocation professionals".

Sue Shortland, one of the speakers, is manager of the CBI's Employee Relocation Council, set up in April 1986 "to link companies with counselling and service agencies" to minimize the trauma of repeated staff moves.

Firms on her roster include PMA Relocation Services Counselling and Easy Move Relocation. "Both these companies are interesting because they are run by men who were in charge of big moves as company personnel managers," Shortland says.

PMA, in Luton, was started last year by Mike Ison, who masterminded the move of Lombard's London headquarters to Redhill, Surrey. Easy Move was set up in September by Raymond Bowker, who presided over the relocation of Touche Ross to Milton Keynes. Both stress their position as "independent", "people and procedure" specialists — as opposed to most relocation companies which are little more, they suggest, than extensions of estate agents.

Paul Dickenson, a director of PMA, says: "Where necessary, we can arbitrate between employee and employer. But if mobility is a clause in the contract, we do our best to help the employee make the most of it. It only costs a small amount to use us — maybe £400 per employee — but it's important to make him feel he's a very valued employee."

Raymond Bowker agrees, although his company's estimate is between £1,200 and £2,000 per employee, which includes access to a private helpline.

Both Bowker and Ison have personal experience of the problems with which they deal. "My wife is a teacher," Bowker says, "and I've got three children aged 18, 16 and 12, and I've been moved nine times in the past 20 years. It's put a lot of strain on my family."

Ison's wife Pat works with him at PMA. They have also been moved nine times "in about 19 years" and have two children, now both in their twenties. "People think if your children are grown you're all right to move," Pat says, "but if children can't afford to leave home, you're pushing them out when they need you the most."

Lambert thinks banks and insurance companies are the worst offenders. But civil engineers, computer experts, motor industry workers, employees of oil companies and public utilities and television executives are victims of the same unhappy syndrome.

'It can be difficult to get back to being a couple'

Ray King-Underwood was moved three times in six years with Granada Television. "I had lived in Northamptonshire for 40 years, so the first time I was offered a move, to Yorkshire, I was reasonably keen. The second I was 'strongly encouraged' to help the company in Bristol, but the next I was quite bitter about, because they closed the unit I went to set up and I was offered a choice of redundancy or going to Bedford. I took Bedford."

Jackie Williams, whose husband David was moved four times in 14 years through his work with an insurance company, resents "always having to push yourself forward" to make new friends. "After a while you forget the bad times," she says, "but you tend to become more independent — to run your own life. It can be difficult to get back to being a couple."

Most wives speak of this independence, which can be a major cause of marriages breaking down.

And the "grass widows", the men who commute long distances home on a weekly or monthly basis for a period of months or years, speak of the loneliness which makes them look for affection elsewhere. "It gets very lonely," says Harold, a design consultant in the motor industry who has commuted to Sweden, Holland and the United States. "An American lady befriended me and things got out of hand."

Bill Bowyer, a widower with a daughter aged 14, had just been promoted to "quality manager" for Shell Chemicals when he was told he had to move to Chester in 1986. "My wife and son had died in a car accident in 1982, my daughter had just settled down and I didn't want to unsettle her education just four years later. But I also didn't want to leave the company in my early fifties and sacrifice 27 years. So I talked to my boss about it and we reached a compromise."

Trevor Davis, headmaster of the infant and junior school in Balsall Common, Warwickshire, a commuter dormitory village at the heart of the Midland motorway system, complains of the 10 to 15 per cent turnover of pupils in the school each year.

Brian Holmes of Shell Chemicals (UK), which moved its head office from London to Chester at the end of 1987, says: "We all had personal difficulties and this has been quite a learning experience for us. We set up a relocation section to provide additional support to line-management and what surprised us is that hardly anyone left the company.

"Several people have moved up and their wives left them. Others had wives who gave up good jobs to follow them. Now our intake of young graduates is about 50-50 men and women, so it will be interesting to see how things change.

"There is no doubt that the full-time working wife is a factor against mobility — and staff reports say whether you are 'mobile' or not. I have turned down promotions for the sake of staying put."

The joke used to be that IBM stood for "I've Been Moved", but the company insists that's all been changed since the freewheeling Sixties and Seventies. The relocation package is so good nobody minds, says the press officer Bruce Clamp. "Our package includes 'look-see' trips to new locations, a guaranteed price for the home — a median between the lowest and the highest market values — paid for home trips if one half has to go before the other, legal costs and a cash lump sum."

In *Relocation News* (a publication of Sue Shortland's unit), a recent article by David Guest, a lecturer in the Department of Industrial Relations at the London School of Economics, was entitled "Relocation and Stress". It says that "just as much attention must be directed . . . at maintaining the morale and performance of those left behind".

Dr Lambert, who practises in Nailsea, a dormitory town for Bristol, says statistics show that patients visit their doctor more frequently within the first two years after relocation — and he asks why. "There are usually other factors which make them take their cough to the doctor. You probe a little and out it pours."

Outpourings include the common complaint that they felt forced to choose between a personal and professional future. That is a choice which Lambert feels should never have to be made. But, for the moment, he acknowledges that there is no useful prescription he can write for a national malaise.

& BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

An early Christmas

The Birthright Trust, of which the Princess of Wales is patron, will be holding its Christmas Fair today at the Royal College of Obstetricians, 27 Sussex Place, London NW1, from 10am until 4pm. Admission is £3 (or £10 including a lunch of smoked salmon and champagne). Among the stalls — crammed with Christmas ideas — will be one run by the Duchess of York's stepmother, Susan Ferguson, launching her Beloved range of babywear. The charity, dedicated to helping women with difficulty in conceiving and carrying a baby, raised £30,000 at its fair last year.

Body beautiful

The Beauty Room at the Body Shop, the idea of an enthusiastic Body Shop franchisee, offers free talks on skin care, make-up and a holistic approach to health and beauty for groups of between eight and 15 women at selected branches in the London area. The talks last between 30 and 45 minutes and include a short video, and participants go away with information packs, samples or special offers. Beauty Rooms have been opening at a rate of one or two a year since the concept started in 1979. Two hour lectures are also available, for a fee. They are designed for groups of up to 50 and can be held on company premises. Further details from the Beauty Room at the Body Shop, 217 Kensington High Street, London W8 6BD (01-937 3461).

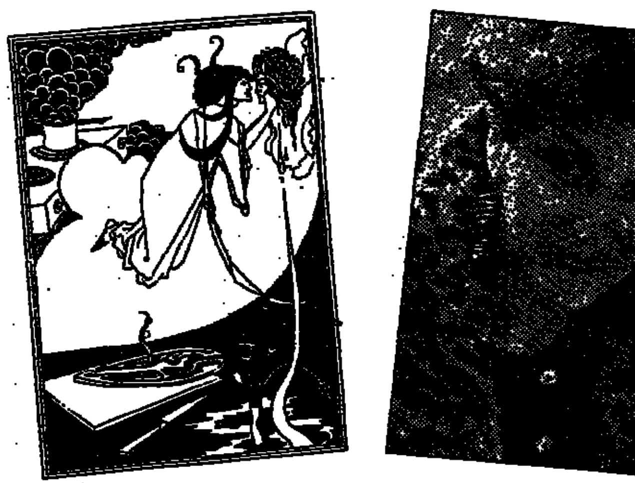
Victoria McKee

Quote me . . .

"Vanity in men now is seen as a positive trait."
Mark Connolly, fashion editor of men's magazine GQ, to be launched next week.

Housewives sweep to fame

Artist Sally Swain has given some modern masters a new perspective, by putting unsung heroines in the picture



'Mrs Beardsley Won't Go to That Butcher Again!' by Sally Swain, right

The most galling thing about being the wife of a Great Artist must be that it's always the mistress who hogs the limelight. She is immortalized in oils, while 'Er Indoors cleans up the mess afterwards.

All that has been remedied. Mesdames Miró, Matisse, Modigliani and others of the unsung sisterhood have found a champion in an Australian artist, Sally Swain. She has produced a series of paintings visualizing what would have happened if some modern masters had chosen subjects closer to home.

Great Housewives of Art is a collection of witty pastiches of famous pictures and familiar styles. There is Mrs Degas vacuuming the floor in a ballerina's tutu, Mrs Toulouse Lautrec can-canning her way through cleaning the lavatory, Mrs Gauguin entertaining topless Tahitians to a Tupperware party, and Mrs Dali hanging out drooping timepieces on the washing line.

Swain is not sure where the idea came from. She has always been interested in women's daily lives and irritated that they were rarely portrayed by the predominately male art world.

"I wondered if there could be a connection between high art and the mundane life of women. I'm also a great admirer of modern painters, so they sort of came together. But it's not really a case of lofty ideals. I wanted to produce some appealing pictures, make people laugh and perhaps provoke a few thoughts."

The ideas came quickly. Her version of the soundless scream, "Mrs Munch Bemoans the Tomato Sauce Stains on the Wall", stems from her days in a mixed student house. "The men were too busy changing the world to notice the mould on the plates."

Often it was just a matter of putting on the right amount of topspin: Monet's "Lilypond" is being cleaned by the hand of an unseen female; Duchamp's moustachioed "Mona Lisa" is ridding herself of "Those Unsightly Facial Hairs" with a ladies' razor.

She failed to realize "Mrs Henry Moore Gets That Empty Feeling", mainly because the original was sculpted.

Swain, aged 30 and the daughter of one of Australia's best-known cartoonists, had no formal art training. After a degree in psychology and a couple of false starts in community service, she "fell into" a job as an illustrator.

Great Housewives of Art has brought her some financial success. But, for the moment, she plans to combine her illustration job with her next project, "maybe a twist on fairy tales".

Small, red-headed and gamin, Swain is more Left Bank than Bondi Beach. She lives in Sydney, where she shares a flat with another woman artist, a potter. Housework is kept to a minimum.

One of the reasons she will not live with her doctor boyfriend Riju is that she finds herself clearing up after him. "Like a lot of feminists, I have trouble putting my ideals into my daily life." But he did supply the syringes she needed to squirt the paint for her version of Jackson Pollock: "Mrs Pollock Can't Seem To Find Anything Any More".

Liz Gill

● Great Housewives of Art *is published by Grafton Books tomorrow (£4.99).*

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ADAPT OR DYD:** Pieter-Dirk Uys in his celebrated, scorchingly funny analysis of apartheid.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Opens tonight 7.45-9.15pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45-9.15pm, £7-£8.

☆ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the futile earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm mats Wed, Sat 3-5.30pm. £4-£15. (D)

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

★ **HEDDA GABLER:** Lindsay Duncan, Clive Francis and Alex Norton in thrilling Ibsen production.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4.30pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Sat mat £6.50, Sat eve £7.50.

☆ **HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES:** Light, early Ayckbourn, comedy of social embarassment. A Greenwich Theatre Production.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 5122), Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mat Sat 5pm. £5-£13.50. (D)

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Geraldine McEwan and Sara Kestelman take over the leads in Peter Schaffer's smash comedy where two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ **THE MILLIONAIRESS:** New regime under Sue Dunderdale opens with the late Shaw comedy: Barbara Flynn in the title role and Iranian actor Nasser Nemarzia as the Egyptian doctor who bargains with her heart.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train (BR): Greenwich (15 mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30 and on Nov 16, 2.30pm. Mon-Fri £3.50-£7.50. Sat eve £3.50-£10. Mats £3.50-£5.

☆ **RE: JOYCE:** Maureen Lipman reincarnates Joyce Grenfell in monologue and song with Denis King at the piano.
Fortune Theatre, (01-836 2238), Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.39pm, mat Sat 5pm.

☆ **THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES:** Jeremy Brett and Edward Hardwicke in a new adventure by Jeremy Paul, directed by Patrick Garland.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-867 1116). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 5.30pm and 8.30pm, mat Wed, 3pm. £5.50-£13.90.

LONG RUNNERS: . . . ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

BASILDON: ☆ **The Tempest:** Cheek by Jowl's national tour: Timothy Walker plays Prospero; Keith Bartlett plays the man with the wound.
Towngate Theatre, Pagel Mead (0268 532632), tonight and tomorrow 8pm, £5-£6.50.

COVENTRY: ☆ **In Touch:** Gritty Northern lass meets amiable Southern journalist through a dating agency: new comedy by Debbie Horsfield.
Belgrade Studio Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £2.75-£2.50, until Nov 12.

SCARBOROUGH: ☆ **The Beaux' Strategem:** Farquhar's best and wittiest play — love and divorce 1707 style — opens the winter season.
Stephen Joseph Theatre-in-the-Round (0723 370541), tonight-Sat, then in rep, 7.30pm, £4.80.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

COMMENSAL
(b) Two organisms that dine at the same table, as a sea anemone may grow on the shell that houses a hermit crab, from the Latin *cum* with + *mensa* table: "The tube is very frequently inhabited by a commensal decapod crustacean."

BODRAG
(c) A hostile incursion or raid, perhaps from the Irish *buaidhreagh* molestation, disturbance; Spenser: "No nightly bodrags, nor no hue and cries."

TYMP
(a) The mouth of the hearth of a blast-furnace through which the molten metal descends, apparently an abbreviation of *tympan* a drum or similar instrument such as timbrel or tambourine: "The melted iron descendeth to the lowest part of the furnace, called the hearth; the which being filled they unstop the hearth and open the mouth thereof (or the tymp as the Arts-men call it)."

JAMPAN
(c) A kind of sedan chair, carried by four men, used in the hill country of India, from the Bengali *jhāmpān*: "The usual mode of travelling is by jampans — a conveyance not unlike a large clumsy chair, having a top from which curtains are suspended. They are carried by four men by means of poles fixed to the sides."

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of World War Two. Gaspard Manesse heads the young non-professional cast (107 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

BIG (PG): Tom Hanks plays the child turned grown-up in this latest role-reversal comedy from Hollywood. Penny Marshall directs (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.35, 7.05, 9.35.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905, 586 3057). Progs 1.20, 3.35, 6.00, 8.45.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252/7615). Progs 1.20, 3.35, 6.00, 8.45.

BUSTER (15): Singer Phil Collins makes his cinema début in a film surveying the life and loves of Buster Edwards of Great Train Robbery fame (102 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 4.35, 7.05, 9.35.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905, 586 3057). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45.
Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.10, 8.25.

DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15): Terence Davies's remarkable new film set in Liverpool in the 1940s and '50s — a moving exorcism of family guests, ingeniously set to popular music. With Freda Dowie and Peter Postlethwaite (85 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 3.15, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10.

DREAM DEMON (18): An American girl searching for her roots comes to the aid of a socialite bride who experiences hideous nightmares. Fanciful British horror film; directed by Harley Cokliss, with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave (93 min).
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 4.45, 8.00.
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.00.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.
☎ **Plaza 1** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30.
Plaza 2. Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. 11.00.
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 12.00, 2.05, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.40, 8.40.
Barbican Centre (01-638 8891). Progs 6.00, 8.20.

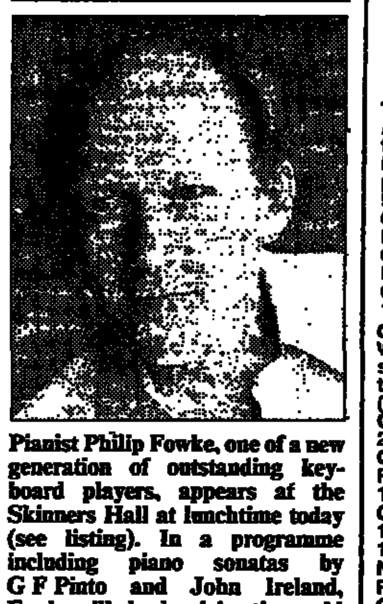
THE FRUIT MACHINE (15): *Letter to Brezhnev* writer Frank Clarke, is behind, this sea-side extravaganza starring Emile Charles, Tony Forsyth and, playing a drag queen called Annebelle, Robbie Coltrane (102 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.30, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.50, 6.35, 9.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.40 (not Wed to Sat), 5.30, 8.20. Late Sat 11.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 5.30, 8.10.
Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.10, 8.40. Late Sat only 11.15.

Dancers with no names

A retrospective of George Kennethson's work is an important benchmark in the rehabilitation of carved sculpture. Kennethson has beavered away in isolation, gradually filling his studio with a forest of small, unsold figure carvings on plinths. They recall early Epstein, and, like his mentor, Kennethson has been inspired by a range of artefacts from different periods and cultures. It was knowledge of Moore's and Hepworth's early carvings, exhibited in London while he was studying at the Royal Academy, which convinced him in 1937 that he should phase out painting in favour of sculpture. The piece in Purbeck marble (right) — he doesn't like titles — is one of two interlocking dancing figures, the other is on the back. Stylistically, it echoes Gaudier-Brzeska and Brancusi and its lines and forms are identifiably those of sculpture made by direct carving. Unlike Moore, Kennethson makes neither maquettes nor preparatory drawings, allowing ideas instead to evolve as he chisels into the stone. He subscribes to the doctrine of "truth to material" which took over advanced British sculpture in the 1920s and 1930s, but whose practice nowadays is a passport to obscurity. The George Kennethson retrospective is at New Art Centre, 41 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-235 5844), Monday to Friday 9.30am-6pm, Saturday 11am-3pm, free, until November 26.

David Lee



Pianist Philip Fowke, one of a new generation of outstanding keyboard players, appears at the Skinners Hall at lunchtime today (see listing). In a programme including piano sonatas by G F Pinto and John Ireland, Fowke will also be giving the world premiere of the piece which has won the Lloyds Bank National Composers Competition. The winning composer and his or her work will be announced at the concert.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **LLOYDS AWARD:** See caption.
Skinners' Hall, Dowgate Hill, London EC4 (01-741 9999), £1.10pm, £1.50-£2.50.

EVENING

☆ **CLAVICEMBALISTICUM CONCERT:** Following his successful South Bank performance in August, John Ogdon repeats Sorabji's monster (3¾ hours) piano work, *Opus Clavicembalisticum* in all its 12 movements.
Skinners' Hall, 6pm, £4-£10.

☆ **SUSTAINED RELUCTANCE:** Christoph von Dohnányi conducts massed vocal and instrumental forces in Schoenberg's unfinished oratorio *Die Jakobsleiter*, preceding it with Schumann's Symphony No 2.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3-£12.

☆ **BOYCE THEIR CHOICE:** The Southern Sinfonia is conducted by John Forster in Boyce's Overture No 4, Mozart's Symphony No 40, Gounod's *Petite Symphonie*.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£8.

☆ **DIFFERENT REICH:** Steve Reich and Musicians give the UK premieres of his *Six Marimbas* and of the quartet version of *Different Trains*. In between comes Reich's *Music for Mallet Instruments, Voices and Organ*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£10.

OPERA

☆ **SIMON BOCCANEGRA:** Welcome return of David Alden's strikingly designed production, with Mark Elder conducting a cast led by Malcolm Donnelly.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-10.10pm, £2.50-£26.

★ **DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL:** Glyndebourne Touring opera bring their exquisitely designed and discreetly staged Mozart production to Plymouth with Martyn Hill as Belmonte.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595) 7.15-10.15pm, £5-£19.

DANCE

☆ **SOLDAT:** Ashley Page's new work for Rambert Dance Company with two new works by Richard Alston.
Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 65065), 7.30-9.45pm.

★ **RHAPSODY:** Frederick Ashton's witty showpiece for the Royal Ballet, with David Bintley's *Prometheus* and *Penguin Cafe*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.15pm, £1-£32.

ROCK

★ **CLIFF RICHARD:** The perennial "Bachelor Boy", celebrating his thirtieth anniversary in showbusiness.
Newport Leisure Centre, Kingsway, Gwent (0633 59676) £9.50-£13.50, for four nights.

★ **CHRIS DE BURGH:** Second date of a world tour by the ineffably bland singer-songwriter from Wexford.
BIC, Exeter Road, Bournemouth (0202 22122) 7.30pm, £12.50.

☆ **RUN DMC/PUBLIC ENEMY/DEREK B:** Blood-curdling hip hop package tour.
Brighton Centre, Kings Road (0273 202881) 7.30pm, £7.50.

★ **GEORGE BENSON:** The supremely relaxed master of seamless soul-jazz fusion.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £12.50-£15, also tomorrow, Fri and Sat.

JAZZ

☆ **TAL FARLOW:** First of three nights from a trio led by the American guitarist.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean St, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, ring for prices.

☆ **JOE PASS:** Ella Fitzgerald's long-time associate is in residence until Saturday.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

☆ **GREAT GUITARS:** Suddenly guitars are everywhere — in this case a mellow touring package featuring Charlie Byrd, Herb Ellis and Barney Kessel.
The Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hants (0703 613989) 8pm, £8 non-members.

GALLERIES

GERALD SCARFE: First ever selling show of the caricaturist's work.
Chris Beetles Ltd, 10 Ryder St, London SW1 (01-839 7551). Daily 10am-5.30pm, free, until Nov 18.

WOMEN AND WATER: Thematic works by 15 arists including Maggi Hambling, Eileen Cooper and Jacqueline Morreau.
Odette Gilbert Gallery, 5 Cork St, London W1 (01-437 3175), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Nov 29.

XAVIER VILLS: Balthus-like figurative paintings by a Spanish artist.
ASB Gallery, 28 Bruton St, London W1 (01-491 1333), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until Jan 20.

THE SHOEMAKER' DAUGHTER: Wallpieces and an installation by feminist artist Rose Garrard.
Air Gallery, 6 Rosebery Ave, London EC1 (01-278 7751), Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, sat 2-6pm, free, until Dec 11.

DOUGLAS STANNIUS GRAY (1890-1959): A retrospective of brushy landscapes, still-lives and society portraits.
Spinks Gallery, 5 King St, London SW1 (01-930 7888), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Nov 25.

CALL TO READINESS — THE EXPANSION OF THE RAF 1934-39: An exhibition of work by members of the Guild of Aviation Artists, all on the theme of The Expansion Years — an era largely neglected by artists, despite the fact that it saw the birth of the Hurricane, Spitfire and Wellington. Sixty two works on view, all for sale.
The Royal Air Force Museum Art Gallery, Hendon, London NW9 (01-205-2266) until Mar 31, daily 10am-6pm. Exhibition free, museum admission charge.

OTHER EVENTS

BRITAIN'S OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS: First permanent exhibition covering all aspects of the North Sea industry opens to the public today. A two-deck oil-platform is used to illustrate the roles of nature and man, and gives visitors an opportunity to discover more about life offshore. Display, computer games, videos, models — and a full colour accompanying booklet available from the museum bookshop.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, London SW7 (01-589 6323). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm. Adults £2, child £1.

GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY CONJUNCTION: As from today, the new public link joining the Natural History Museum and the Geological Museum is officially open. Visitors may now enjoy both museums for the price of one. Adult £2, child 5-15 £1, under fives free.
Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323).

KENSINGTON ANTIQUES FAIR: Now in its 37th year, a wide range of quality antiques from fine art to furniture — all of which latter must pre-date 1840 for sale.
New Town Hall, Hornton St, London NW8. Until Sat 11am-8pm, Sun noon-6pm. Admission: Adults £3 includes catalogue, child 13-18, £1.

WALKS

JEWISH EAST END — ROOTS IN TIMELESS STREETS: meet Aldgate East tube, 11am, £3 (01-504 9159).

JACK THE RIPPER SPECIAL: meet Aldgate East tube, 11am, £3 (01-504 9159).

THE CITY OF LONDON — 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3 (01-278 3720).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

DECEMBER AT THE SOUTH BANK: Programme includes Messiaen at 80, and Elliott Carter at 80, Beethoven Odyssey; *Messiah* with Goldsmith's Choral Union; Hospitals' Christmas Carols; Beethoven Birthday concert; Pasadena Roof Orchestra Christmas concert; and City of Birmingham Touring Opera in *The Magic Flute*. Also Dixieland and Swing evening; and concerts in Shostakovich-Music from the Flames, Contemporary Music Network, Messiaen organ works, and Sounds in Time series.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 8800, info: 01-928 3002).

NATIONAL THEATRE: Platform performances for Nov includes Heathcote Williams's *Falling for a Dolphin*, Spike Milligan in conversation with his biographer Dominic Behan, Readings from Saki with Dirk Bogarde and Zoë Wanamaker as part of Armistice Festival, talks on Stanislavski to mark 50th anniversary of his death, and discussions on work of Kenneth Tynan, and Nicholas Craig.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

WEMBLEY: Booking for The Mission, Rick Astley, Chris Rea, Status Quo, and Duran Duran. Dec.
Wembley Box Office, London HA9 0DW (01-900 1234).

LAST CHANCE

PAINTING WITH LIGHT: Photos by Steven de Koenigswater, using photography as a medium for painting without paints and brushes to produce prints and collages in colour. Ends today.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

JOHN MUIR WOOD: Photos by 19th-century Scottish photographer, who trained initially as professional musician before taking up photography as hobby. Ends Sat.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen St, Edinburgh (031 556 8921).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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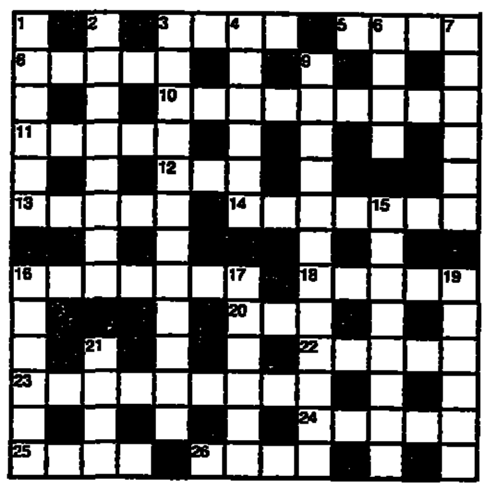

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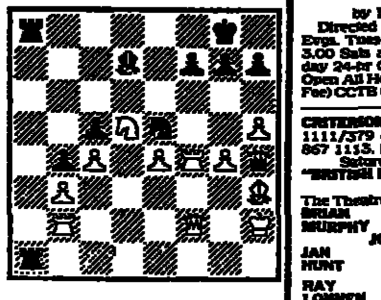

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Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Qg6

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 8800 Tonight at 7.30 pm BBC SO. BBC Singers. Christoph von Dohnanyi. Schumann Symphony No 2; Schoenberg: Die Jakobsleiter. Cast includes Roland Hermann.

EVENTS

37th KENSINGTON ANTIQUES FAIR. New Town Hall, Hornton St, London W8. Today and until Sunday 6th November. 11-8pm daily. Final day 12-6pm. Tel:01-937 0063.

EXHIBITIONS

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OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Simon Boccanegra. Tomor 7.30 (last perf) La Traviata.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. THE ROYAL BALLET Ton't 7.30 Rhapsody/The Trial of Prometheus/Still Life at the Penguin Cafe. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815. THE ROYAL OPERA Tomor 7.30 Madama Butterfly.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Act Your Age* (b/w). 6.55 Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Susan Rae and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To contribute ring 061-814 0424. 9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on the effects of divorce on children
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). 10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with Playbus 10.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). 10.55 Five to Eleven.
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Bob Wellings and Susan Rae
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. The guests include actress Ruth Madoc who displays her culinary skills; and soul singer Freddie Jackson. 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Charlene and Scott receive an unwelcome guest 1.50 Going for Gold.
2.15 Knots Landing. Divorce papers are served on Mack. 3.00 I've Got a Secret. Panel game presented by Tom O'Connor. Today's guests are Joe Brown, Sandra Dickinson, Barry Cryer, Nina Myskow, Mike Read and Ward Allen 3.30 Cartoon Triple Bill
3.50 Two by Two. The eighth of Jenny Powell's 15-programme natural history series 4.05 SuperTed (r). 4.15 What's Your Story? With Sylvester McCoy
4.30 Hartbeat. Tony Hart's guide to better picture-making. (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround 5.00 The True Story of Spit MacPhee. The eighth and final episode of the Australian drama serial 5.30 What's Your Story? 5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer
6.30 London Plus and weather
7.00 Wogan. The guests include leukaemia sufferer Denise Morse and, discussing how politicians have and are using television, Michael Cockerell, Peter Marsh and Professor Laurie Taylor. Plus, a song from Midge Ure
7.35 Doctor Who. Episode one of a three-part adventure starring Sylvester McCoy in which the time travelling doctor does battle with a murderous robot and an evil militia. (Ceefax)
8.00 Rockliffe's Folly. This first of a new series finds Rockliffe transferred from the Metropolitan Police to the Wessex Police Force. He investigates the death of a farmer and tries to convince his new superior that there is more to the death than meets the eye. Starring Ian Hogg. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Barnardo's: There's Still So Much to Do. (see Choice)
10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Boxing: the WBA junior lightweight championship bout between Londoner Jim McDonnell and the South African Brian Mitchell; Rugby League: the British Coal "Nines" from Central Park, Wigan; Bowls: second round action in the CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Championship.
11.55 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys and Kathryn Holloway; 7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathryn Holloway; 8.00 News; 9.00 News and After Nine which includes an item on compulsive shopping
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game show. The questionmaster is Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames news and weather 10.00 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes, at 11.00, an item on the changing face of Britain's countryside, and at 11.45, a best food buy guide. With national news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55
12.10 Allsorts. For the young (r). 12.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville 1.20 Thames news and weather followed by Crimestoppers.
1.30 Heirloom. John Bly examines examples of porcelain ware. The guest expert is Hugo Morley-Fletcher 2.00 Richmond Hill. Australian drama serial 2.55 Gardening Time. Advice on rubber plants
3.00 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game introduced by Michael Parkinson. Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Christopher Biggins, Eartha Kitt, Bonnie Langford, Adrienne Posta, Mike Read and Bernie Winters 3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 The Raggy Dolls (r). 4.10 The Adventures of Tintin (r). 4.20 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds 4.45 Toksvig starring Sandi Toksvig
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong 6.00 Thames news and weather
6.25 Help with advice on hedgehog care.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Seth makes the new gamekeeper pay dearly for taking his job
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy
7.30 Coronation Street. Mavis and Derek are both showing pre-nuptial nerves. (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The guests are Petula Clark, Elizabeth Dawn, Johnny More, Donny Osmond, Sue Montgomery Williams and Mark Street
9.00 Film: Killer in the Mirror (1986) starring Ann Jillian. A made-for-television drama about identical twins, one of whom stops at nothing including murder to get what she wants even if it means implicating her innocent sister. Directed by Frank DeFelitta (continues after the news).
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart 10.30 Thames news and weather
10.35 Film: Killer in the Mirror continued
11.10 Midweek Sport Special. Highlights from tonight's Littlewoods Cup third round.
12.30am Kojak. The New York policeman has the added distraction of a bounty hunter in attendance when in pursuit of a wanted man
1.30 America's Top Ten
2.00 News headlines followed by Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: In Possession. A wife discovers a walk-in cupboard full of things she has never seen before
3.30 Quiz Night with Ross King
4.00 News headlines followed by Three's Company. Comedy series
4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsreel clips
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.20 Daytime on Two: the implementation of the 1986 Public Order Act 9.50 French apprentice jockeys 10.05 For the very young 10.20 Science: analyzing 10.40 Building a house 11.00 Words and pictures 11.15 Walrus 11.35 Maths investigations: proportion 11.55 People's attitudes to animals 12.15 Earth's closest star 12.35 The global supermarket 1.00 For people with learning difficulties
1.25 Fingermouse (r). 1.40 Zig Zag (r). 2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime (r).
2.15 Championship Bowls introduced by David Icke. Second round action in the CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Championship. Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 3.55
4.25 Six English Towns. Part two — Richmond, Yorkshire (r). (Ceefax) 4.55 Northern Lights. The artist Turner's tours of Yorkshire (r).
5.00 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Part 12 (r). (Ceefax) 5.30 *Film 88* (r).
6.00 DEF II begins with Mission Impossible. The agents have to thwart the overthrow of a government (r). 6.50 Animation Now 6.55 Reportage. A new news and style magazine series.
7.45 Call My Bluff. Frank Muir and Arthur Marshall are joined by Angela Gordon, Andrew Sachs, Eve Matheson and Simon Williams. Robert Robinson is the referee
8.15 The Last Vacation. A portrait of the Cormier family, holidaying in the north-east United States coastal resort of Salisbury Beach
9.00 Blind Justice. The fourth of five film dramas about the law in this country today. Starring Jane Lapotaire and Jack Shepherd
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick 11.15 Weather
11.20 Behind the Beat. Includes preview clips of Michael Jackson's *Moonwalker* (r).
11.55 Championship Bowls. Highlights of the day's play in the CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Championship. Ends at 12.30am

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Glyn Mathias and Alastair Stewart
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Interviewing. The last in an Open College course on interviewing skills (Oracle)
1.30 The Customer Connection: Who Cares Wins. Customer care series (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Film: Mata Hari (1932, b/w) starring Greta Garbo. First World War drama about the celebrated spy whose life is threatened after she falls for one of her victims. Directed by George Fitzmaurice
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Widowers explan why they think they are ostracized by society
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game.
5.00 Cartoon Alphabet introduced by Ray Alan
5.30 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Alan Young
6.00 Family Ties. Domestic comedy
6.30 The March of Time: Reporting the Dictators. This last of the present series examines the aftermath of the Second World War in Europe. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour Party politician. Followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. (Oracle)
8.30 Dispatches. A documentary examining the United States's role in stemming Europe's high-tech exports to the Eastern Bloc while increasing their own.
9.15 Signals: Sex on Television — What's All the Fuss About? (see Choice)
10.45 Friday Night Almost Live. Includes the Grand Theatre of Lemmings and the Primitives
11.45 Lou Grant. Los Angeles newspaper drama
12.45am Diary 1972-82. Continuing David Perlov's reminiscences
1.45 Peter Tosh. A tribute to the late reggae artist
2.20 Eddy Grant Live at the Notting Hill Carnival. Recorded in 1980. Ends at 3.05.

Suffer the children

Victorian paternalist or one-man welfare state? Dr Barnardo, seen here with girls from one of his homes, whose charitable work with deprived children continues today (BBC1, 9.30pm)

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Despite the possible paucity of visual material — though his East End funeral in 1905 was fully recorded by the infant medium of film — there is an excellent documentary to be made about Dr Thomas Barnardo. Written and presented by Sue Lawley, **Barnardo's** (BBC1, 9.30pm) is not that programme, concentrating on the work of the charity today with only brief glimpses back into history. The glimpses are tantalising. Where did the little doctor's concern for homeless waifs come from? Was it prompted by the tragedy of his own daughter, a sufferer from Down's syndrome? Was his motive in helping society's unfortunates that of the middle-class Victorian paternalist, committed to improvement and self-help, or was he a precursor of the modern Welfare State? The answers are doubtless available and it is a pity that the programme does not at least hint at them. Dr Barnardo's dying words were: "There's still so much to do." There still is. Anxious to get away from its orphan image, Barnardo's has symbolically dropped the "Doctor" from its title and now concerns itself with deprived children of every sort — the physically and mentally handicapped, the abandoned and the abused. Competing with 150,000 other registered charities for the £1 million a week it needs to keep going, Barnardo's is having to sell itself hard. The work is admirable and necessary and if Sue Lawley's portrait tends towards a public relations exercise, it would be tasteless to offer this as a criticism.

● **Signals** (Channel 4, 9.15pm) is a survey of sex on television and what ought to be done about it. In a careful and dispassionate history of the subject, Michael Cockerell goes back to 1951 and the worries of the BBC executive, Cecil McGivern, that the male body in tights might be "shocking to ordinary, intelligent people". Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, reveals that he would not have banned the headline-making scene in *The Singing Detective*. But he is less specific about what he would ban. A supposedly representative sample of viewers appears to contest Lord Rees-Mogg's claim that his council has majority public support. There are glimpses from France of what might happen when TV is de-regulated, though it seems that, given the choice, the French still prefer corn to porn. The longer the programme goes on, the more intractable the topic becomes.

Peter Waymark

An echo chamber work

RADIO CHOICE

The unusually declamatory Richard Pasco (R4, 3.00pm)

● In case you miss the studio announcement before the broadcast of **The Purging** (Radio 4, 3.00pm), let me explain why it sounds as if Clive Brill's production of the one-act Feydeau farce is being acted out in an aircraft hangar. The simple explanation is that the recording was made at the recent Radio Show in London when visitors were given the chance to see how a radio play is put together. Acoustically, the vast, temporary stage would have been ideal for the staging of *Aïda*. Feydeau is not heard at his best in such an echoing setting. His plays are chamber works, conceived for square yards of space, not acres. Miracle of miracles, then: Clive Brill has still managed to retain the intimate quintessence of Feydeau despite the cavernous environment. Much of the credit must go to Peter Barnes's adaptation of the original text, and to a uniformly strong-voiced cast headed by an unusually declamatory Richard Pasco. Absence of audience response to a farce would have been disastrous in such an unorthodox public arena as Earls Court, so the selection of *The Purging* for this experiment in "see how it's done" was a wise one. No audience, out for a good time, can resist jokes about constipation and chamber pots, and this is a play that hinges almost entirely on bowel movements or the lack of them. Without access to the French text of the play, I cannot tell whether it is Peter Barnes who must take the credit, or Feydeau, when the cast are asked to deliver such *doubles entendres* as: "If his bowels are loose, that's his business!"

● The imminence of the American presidential elections adds extra topicality to two Radio 4 programmes that follow close on each other's heels tonight — **America — the Movie** (8.45), Christopher Frayling's fascinating comparison of what is real and what is reel about US society, and Sally Hardcastle's **From Sea to Shining Sea** (9.15), a consistently revealing anatomy of America and Americans which ends its six-week run with an examination of the Reagan years.

Peter Davalle

Ramon Novarro falling for Greta Garbo (C4, 2.00pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today 11.55 Wildlife on One 12.23am-12.30 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.30pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.20 Sportscene 11.55-12.00 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.30 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 12.30am POV 1.30 Soap 2.00 Film: Return of the Man from UNCLE 3.45 Night Gallery 4.00 Wildwatch 4.30-5.00 Jack Thompson Down Under.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Invitation to Remember (Leslie Phillips) 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Quiz Night 2.00 Sports Action 3.00 POV 4.00-5.00 Nightbeat.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.35pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 News 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Wrestling 2.20 Twilight Zone 3.15 POV 4.10-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30-2.00 Country Ways 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Channel Report 12.30am Viewer's Choice 2.00 Fugitive 3.00 Hit Man and Her 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Granada Reports 11.10 Fast Forward 11.15 Football Special 12.40am Donahue 1.30 Quiz Night 2.00 Baseball 3.00 POV 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 News 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Film: Voyage of the Damned 3.20 South American Soccer 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-6.30pm Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20-1.30 Scotland Today 3.30-4.00 Gardening Time 6.00-6.30 Scotland Today 11.10 Legwork 12.00 Jazz 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Quiz Night 2.00 Basketball 3.00 POV 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 Today 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Quiz Night 2.00 Baseball 3.00 POV 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30-2.00 Coast to Coast People 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast 12.30am Viewers' Choice 2.00 The Fugitive 3.00 Hit Man and Her 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Santa Barbara 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Quiz Night 2.00 Basketball 3.00 POV 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sons and Daughters 1.20-1.30 Newstime 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.30 Preview 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Quiz Night 2.00 Basketball 3.00 POV 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.30 Calendar 12.30am Film: Hawk The Slayer 2.15 Love, American Style 2.30 Quiz Night 3.00 WKRP in Cincinatti 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Schools 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Ffalabalam 1.00 Open College 2.00 Parliament Programme 2.30 Gutarra 3.00 All Muck and Magic? 3.30 Redbrick 4.30 Fifteen to One 5.00 Hot Property 5.30 Cosby Show 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Smyrffs 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Hufen A Moch Bach 7.30 Prof'r Pethe 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Ffermio 9.25 Film: Comes A Horseman 11.40 The 39,000 Steps 12.45am Diary 1.45 Late Shift 2.20 Eddy Grant Live 3.05 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 2.30pm The Planets 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 House of Caradus 5.30 Country Practice 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 This Is Your Life 7.30 Zero 8.00 Hotel 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Sing a Song 10.40 Bookside 11.10 The Equalizer 12.05am Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 Five With Forty 3.10 Flipper 3.35 Abracadabra 4.05 Return of the Antelope 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.45 Real Ghostbusters 5.10 Look Around 5.25 International Youth Knockout 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht agus Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Faces of Japan 8.30 No Comment 9.00 Golden Girls 9.30 Campaign 10.30 Network News 10.50 Nighthawks 11.35 Closedown.

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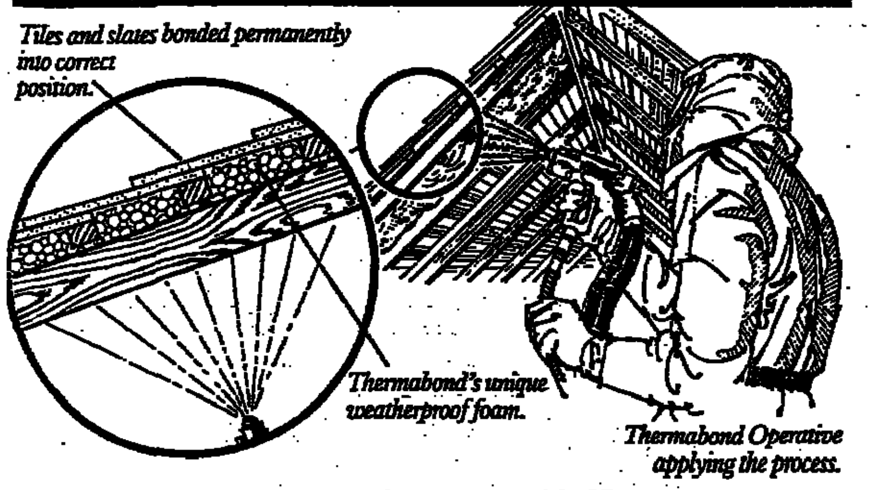
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7.00 *News* 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '88 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 *Business Matters* 8.30 Just A Minute 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 How It All Began 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Smith and Son 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Development '88 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Business Matters 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 Two Cheers for October 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Celluloid Rock 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Celluloid Rock 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Sportsworld Extra 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Two Cheers for October 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Society Today 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Back To Square One 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 Six Four Eight News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Was I Not a Blade of Grass Op 47 No 7: ECO under Simon with Raphael Wallfisch, cello); Mozart (Bassoon Concerto in B flat: RPO under Beecham with Gwydion Brooke)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G, BWV 1049: ECO under Leppard, harpsichord); Salieri (Concerto in C for flute, oboe and orchestra: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Sillito with Aurele Nicolet, flute, and Heinz Holliger, oboe); Chopin (Prelude in D flat Op 28 No 15: Murray Perahia, piano); Telemann (Suite in F: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields directed by Brown, violin, with Timothy Brown and Hermann Baumann
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Beethoven. Sonata in E Op 109: Malcolm Binns (Broadwood fortepiano, 1814); Symphony No 4 in B flat: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood
9.35 Little Russians: Rosemarie Wright (piano) plays Russian miniatures by Lyadov, Rimsky-Korsakov, Grechaninov and Rebikov
10.10 Dorian Wind Quintet of New York: Rossini's Quartet No 1 in F; Richard Rodney Bennett's Sonata for wind quintet and piano; and Reicha's Wind Quintet in E flat Op 88 No 2. With Richard Rodney Bennett (piano) (r)
11.00 Midweek Choice: Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner with John Wilbraham); Verdi (Macbeth (Act Two, conclusion): Chorus and Orchestra of the German Opera House under Sinopoli, with Renato Bruson (baritone), Mara Zampieri (soprano), Neil Shicoff (tenor), Lucia Aliberti (mezzo-soprano); Reich (Octet: Steve Reich and musicians); Alvén (Symphony No 3 in E Op 23: Stockholm PO under Grevillius); J.S. Bach (Quodlibet fragment, BWV 524: Leonhardt Consort); and Vaughan Williams (Piano Concerto in C: RPO under Handley with Howard Shelley)
1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from London. Delmé String Quartet with Anthea Gifford (guitar) perform Mozart's Adagio and Fugue (K 426); Dodgson's Guitar Quintet; and Boccherini's Quintet in D
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Recordings by the Yugoslavian soprano Sena Jurinac of some of her greatest roles including Mimi, Tatiana and Octavian (mono)
4.00 Choral Evensong
5.00 Mozart in Miniature: Church Sonata in E flat (K 68): London Baroque; Ridente la calma (K 152): Kathleen Battle (soprano) with James Levine (piano); Rondo in C (K 373): Collegium Aureum directed by Maier (violin); Gigue in G (K 574): Mitsuko Uchida (piano); Three Duos for two horns (K 487): Barry Tuckwell; Oiseaux si tous les ans (K 307): Elly Ameling (soprano) and Dalton Baldwin (piano); March in D (K 335 No 1): Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Discussion on a topical arts subject
7.30 Schumann and Schoenberg: Live from the Royal Festival Hall. BBC SO under Christoph von Dohnanyi with Roland Hermann (baritone), Thomas Moser and Laurence Dale (tenors), Gregory Reinhart (bass), David Wilson-Johnson (baritone), Ian Partridge (tenor), Helga Pilarczyk (contralto), Celina Lindsley and Sarah Leonard (sopranos). The Schoenberg cycle: The Reluctant Revolutionary; Schumann's Symphony No 2 in C; and Schoenberg's Oratorio Die Jakobsleiter (sung in German). Includes 8.10 A talk by Malcolm Hayes
9.25 John Locke and the Glorious Revolution: Maurice Cranston reflects on John Locke's theory of revolution
9.45 Borodin Piano Trio: Mozart's Piano Trio in E (K 542); and Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor (r)
10.35 Requiem: William Byrd Choir directed by Gavin Turner perform Duarte Lobo's Missa pro defunctis
11.00 Composers of the Week: Bizet (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Spotlied: Peter Schreier (tenor) with Wolfgang Sawallisch (piano). Ends 12.10am.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.5 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves whose guests include the actor Tom Conti (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daphne Ledward answer listeners' letters (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Cruellest Month by Jennifer Plastow. Read by Sandra Clarke
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; The Wednesday Feature: A Man of Middle Estate. Colin McLaren has adapted the memoirs of Sir John Reresby MP, caught up in the Glorious Revolution, written between November 1688 and his death in May 1689. With Peter Vaughan
11.47 Three Tales: A mother talks to Bert Tosh about her handicapped son and her crisis of faith
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer news and advice with John Howard
12.25 Crown House (new series): A family saga set in the 1920s with Gayle Hunnicutt, Jane Asher and Martin Jarvis. By Juliet Ace and Peter Ling (1 of 8) (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with actor James Wilby about the "Englishness" of his films; plus the 88-year-old surrealist Eileen Agar talks about her work; and Sally Oppenheim-Barnes of the National Consumer Council discusses sex discrimination in the TUC
3.00 News; The Purging: (s) (see Choice)
3.47 Time for Verse: Fourth of five conversations between George MacBeth and Spike Milligan (s)
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4: Felicity Goody examines a managerial experiment in cancer treatment, which specialists claim could save thousands more lives each year (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Phil Korbel interviews the 21-year-old performance poet Lemn Sissay, who has just published his second book of poems
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Just a Minute! Humorous panel game played by Clement Freud, Peter Jones, Christopher Timothy and Lance Percival (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates companies, officialdom and bureaucracy on behalf of members of the public
7.45 Up the Garden Path: by Sue Limb. Third instalment of an eight-part sequel to her novel. Starring Imelda Staunton (s) (r)
8.15 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts checks on the pulse of health care (r)
8.45 America — The Movie: Horror stories particularly those of Stephen King (s) (r) (see Choice)
9.15 From Sea to Shining Sea: (see Choice)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of an exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, covering 50 years of engraving; an interview with Hal Wilner, producer of *Stay Awake*, an album of Walt Disney songs; and a report by Graham Frost on whether "alternative" comedians such as Mel Smith and Emma Thompson have sold out by doing "mainstream" television series
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: No Surrender by Robert Harbinson (8 of 10) 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
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EETPU votes for day of protest

By Tim Jones
and Roland Rudd

Senior electricity supply industry executives were considering legal action against the EETPU electricians' union last night after its members had voted narrowly for industrial action in support of the trade unionists dismissed from the Government's top secret communications centre at Cheltenham.

Members of the Electrical Electronic Telecommunication & Plumbing Union in the electricity supply industry overwhelmingly rejected one-day strike action but decided by 6,511 votes to 6,283 to support the day of protest which is being organized for next Monday.

The union's members in Government departments also rejected a strike but voted for protest action by 1,142 votes to 1,122.

Although the EETPU is no longer affiliated to the TUC, the decision by its members in the industry to reject strike action is a blow to the movement, which had hoped to turn next Monday into a day of mass demonstration in support of the "basic human right to belong to a trade union".

Even more worrying for the TUC and the Council of Civil Service Unions is the news that members of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, representing 150,000 members, are also set to reject strike action.

Whitehall's biggest union, the Civil and Public Services Association, will announce today that its normally militant members have voted only narrowly for a strike.

The National Union of Civil and Public Servants, with 110,000 members, is understood to have backed the strike call by a majority of up to two to one.

Last night, Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU said: "Our union's action has never been directed against industry, still less against the private user of electricity.

"It has been aimed at the Government as a protest against their action in depriving employees at GCHQ of the right to join the union of their choice."

Mr Hammond said the "adverse voting" in the Civil Service unions "clearly indicates the lack of concern amongst those directly involved and this must have affected our members' response".

Mr Hammond said the Government should resucitate the strike-free agreement offered by the Civil Service unions and underwritten by the TUC.

He added: "Let us put an end to this nonsense and so enable the Prime Minister to look Lech Walesa and his Solidarity colleagues in the eye; and what is more important, be a powerful voice for freedom and the individual with the Polish and other totalitarian Governments".

Ready for the health charges battle

Calm before the storm: Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, leaves No 10 Downing Street in jocular mood for the Commons debate

Lawson announces an extra £2bn for the NHS

Continued from page 1

abolished, there will be no increase in contribution rates because of the healthy state of the Fund. Class I contributions will remain at 9 per cent for employees and 10.45 per cent for employers.

Mr Lawson said economic growth this year looked like being 4.5 per cent compared with the 3 per cent he forecast in March. Investment was particularly strong, with maufacturing investment expected to show the biggest increase of all at 18 per cent.

Mr Lawson said investment had grown twice as fast as consumption over the past five years. Unemployment had been reduced by nearly one million since 1986.

Inflation, he admitted, was likely to be running at 6 per cent in the last quarter of 1988 although it would be only 5 per cent if mortgage interest rate increases, not counted in many other countries, were excluded.

Although manufacturing exports were up 7 per cent, imports were up 13 per cent, Mr Lawson said.

"This has led to a substantially greater current account deficit than I forecast at the time of the Budget. For 1988 as a whole this now looks like turning out at £13 billion, equivalent to 2.75 per cent of GDP." Total tax revenues were likely to exceed the Budget forecast by £3.5 billion.

The Budget forecast that there would be a £3 billion repayment of the national debt was therefore also revised upwards. The Chancellor now expects to make a public sector debt repayment of £10 billion, equivalent to 2 per cent of GDP.

Two successive years of debt repayment have not been achieved since records began in the 1950s.

Mr Lawson forecast growth in 1989 at about 3 per cent, with domestic demand up by a similar amount. Growth would be reduced in the second half of next year to 2.5 per cent, with demand down to 1.5 per cent. But the current account deficit, he said, was expected to decline only marginally to £11 billion by the end of next year.

Inflation, he said, would peak at some point in the middle of next year before faling back to 5 per cent by the fourth quarter.

Mr Lawson said it had been a "considerable achievement" by Mr Major to have attained the planning total for the year ahead, although the planning totals for the next two years had been increased. He said the Government had decided it was right to allow more money in the years ahead, particularly since that could be done within the overriding aim of having public expenditure steadily decline as a share of GDP.

Mr Lawson said that less than half the increase in the provisidn for health accounted for higher pay, including the review body awards. In real terms there would be a 4.5 per cent increase for the health service.

He made it plain that the tax-cutting ambition remained. The Government would achieve a 20 per cent basic rate as and when it was prudent and sensible to do so.

Errors of Budget compounded, says Labour

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Chancellor's autumn statement was condemned by Mr Gordon Brown, the Labour Treasury spokesman, as a set of measures which compounded rather than corrected the errors of the Budget.

The Labour spokesman predicted that keeping to the £167 million planning total while inflation was rising to 6 per cent would inevitably mean cutbacks in essential public services. It should have been increased to £172 billion merely to allow for inflation.

Mr Brown, in another highly effective despatch box performance, excoriated the quadrupling of the trade deficit as "this Government's distinctive trade mark" and said inflation *was now higher than when Mr* Lawson became Chancellor.

The British deficit, as a share of national income, was now almost on the scale of the US trade deficit which Mr Lawson had criticized so sharply.

As for the extra health spending, while Labour welcomed any such increase it would hardly cover the basic inflationary pressures within the NHS. Britain would still be spending a smaller proportion of national income on health than any of its competitors.

Mr Neil Kinnock said: "The *Chancellor* announced the same planning totals this year as last year despite his admission that the inflation rate is over 6 per cent.

"The word that most accurately describes that arrangement is 'cut', and that is what the statement means for pensioners and others on low incomes and for programmes that are essential for the strengthening of the economy." Mr Alan Beith, the Democrat spokesman on the economy said the Chancellor should have introduced an autumn budget. He was proceeding with a high-risk *strategy*.

High interest rates and mortgage payments would affect pay claims and inflation could top 8 per cent while there was a threat of a sterling crisis because the balance of payments deficit would not go down soon.

While Tory MPs were generally delighted with Mr Lawson's statement, some pointed to his remarks on the buoyancy of tax revenues and asked why, if there was so much money flowing in, the Government had had to put the party through the political trauma occasioned by the *planned charges for eye tests* and dental checks, the subject of last night's major revolt.

Continuing Tory nervousness on inflation was shown with some calls for tighter controls on lending, especially by credit card companies.

The British Medical Association said much more than the extra amounts provided by the Chancellor were still needed for the NHS.

Political sketch

The silent Dame in the footlights

Each of us is aware of embarrassing gaps in our knowledge where, to ask for enlightenment, would be to admit ignorance. And as time goes by, the shame of not knowing deepens. Soon, it is impossible to ask. One man spent a term at Oxford wondering where the bathrooms were — not having asked in the first week.

Changing schools, I missed decimals, have never understood them, and stick to vulgar fractions. Mr Lawson has the opposite problem and during one fluff on Tuesday, new funds for the NHS stumbled from £1¼ million to £1½m, £1¾m and back to £1¼m. I would gladly explain about fractions but, as Chancellor, I expect he'd be ashamed to enquire.

So it takes courage for me to ask this: but why do we have old age pensions? Why are pensioners given free bus-passes? Why are they exempted from prescription-charges? If it's because they are more likely to be poor or sick, then why not make poverty or ill-health the tests of entitlement? Why is being old the criterion? I once asked the Secretary of State this, but *he* didn't seem to know either, muttering something about them having paid it in, therefore wanting it back — more an argument for a piggy-bank than a benefits system. Soon, no doubt, we shall hear the argument that as millions of pensioners drive cars and their lives depend on the vehicles' safe mechanical condition, free garage checkups would save the nation more than they cost the Exchequer.

Dame Jill Knight would think me flippant. It is she who is leading the charge against charges — for dental and eye checkups — for pensioners, and yesterday the Health Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, had to face her cavalry.

The Dame was once a promising actress, and something of the footlights lingers. An encounter with her leaves you confused as to whether you have just met Jill Knight playing the Queen Mother, or Beryl Reid playing Dame Jill Knight. But Kenneth Clarke is confusing, too. Many Top Tories effect a sort of plain-man's *bonhomie*, giving the impression of a smoothie stockbroker pretending to be an ordinary beer-drinker. Mr Clarke gives the impression of an ordinary beer-drinker pretending to be a Top Tory.

But questions to the Health Minister turned out to be a sort of phoney war. The Dame and her acolytes were there. She sat almost behind Mr Clarke, dressed all in sombre swirls, bust heaving passionately. But silent. Other Dames might rise and fall — Dame Elaine Kellet-Bowman did — but this Dame kept her counsel. Even when Labour's Graham Allen raised the awful subject directly — would charges not inhibit preventative medicine? — she seemed to sigh, but said nothing. This made Mr Clarke nervous. But no sound — save the rustle of the Dame's skirts — pierced the gloom.

It was frustrating that this — his first appearance at the Despatch Box as Health Secretary — should be only battle-postponed. David Mellor, who has done his stint at upsetting the Israelis and been sent home to the Health Department to see who else he can upset, also appeared for the first time. Edwina Currie, the Great Upsetter, sat beside Mr Mellor, glancing coolly at the trainee hooligan as a tigress might regard its cub. But attack was there none.

Then Jill Knight rose. Instant hush. She savoured it, pausing. And asked a question on something completely different — donor organs. Slowly, as it dawned on the Chamber that they would have to wait until the specific debate, scheduled for later, the atmosphere relaxed. Labour's Frank Haynes (the loudest voice in the House) bellowed at Mr Clarke, everyone egging him cheekily on. Mr Clarke, whose constituency adjoins Mr Haynes's, remarked that he could all but hear Mr Haynes every Saturday morning, from over the constituency frontier... and the session giggled.

John Townend tried a pre-emptive strike *in favour* of charges. If Mr Townend were to audition for the role of a bloodlessly unsympathetic Northern gravel-pit owner in a play about the Great Depression, he would be rejected for hamming. Dame Jill Knight's bosom heaved more sorrowfully yet. But still silent. Her hour awaited.

Matthew Parris

£2m racket in houses

Continued from page 1

address service said yesterday that about half a dozen messages would be left for "Mr Jones" each week. The man who picked up the messages was white and stopped using the service on October 22.

The parents of rich Nigerians seeking accommodation for their children studying in London are among the users of the illegal system, according to Leslie Winters, a Conservative councillor who discovered the trade in flat keys a few weeks ago.

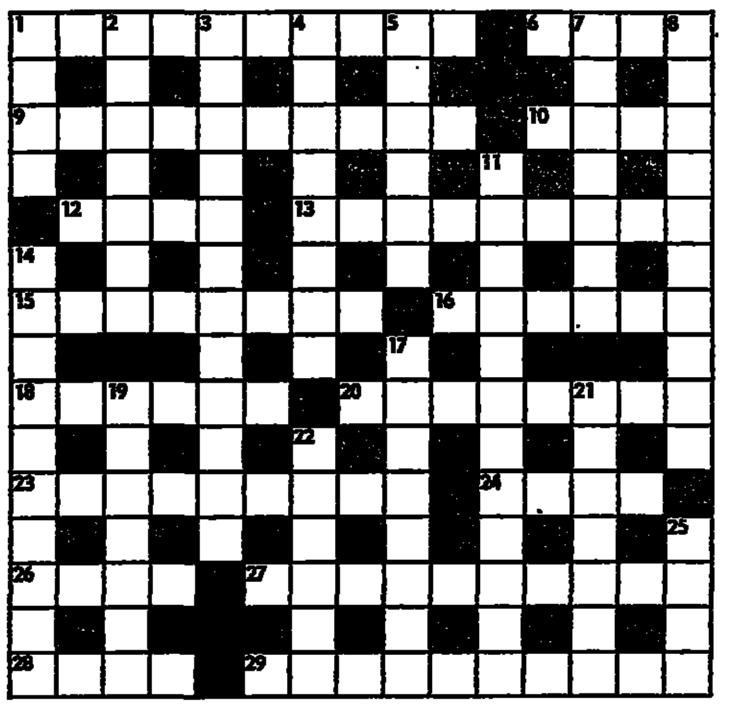
He blames what he sees as the left-wing council's reluctance to collect rents from its tenants and its lax attitude to keeping up-to-date records for the problem.

"Heads must roll over this, it is a scandalous situation that, I understand, involves about £2 million in payments," Mr Winters said. He wants police to investigate.

Mr Mike Wilson, Brent's director of housing, confirmed that he had learned of the illicit trade in tenancies a few weeks ago when he received two letters from local people.

"We are now going to check all 21,000 tenancies to identify the illegal occupiers," he said. He blamed lack of resources for the ineffective monitoring.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,816



ACROSS

1 Father goes to fish — with sea so rough it's an energetic pursuit (5-5).
6 Call round (4).
9 See one's map, possibly, as a magic means of reaching one's objective (4,6).
10 Transfer from the Police Department (4).
12 Stop snake escaping from the top of the road (4).
13 To illuminate, I lengthen switch (9).
15 Return subscriptions without a helper in course of teaching (8).
16 A great number turned into party machine (6).
18 Property of French art gallery (6).
20 After fish you sound almost ill or alcoholic (8).
23 Capitalist fellow, one more effeminate (9).
24 Not, by the sound of it, what row is about (4).
26 Sign from 6 people (4).
27 Providing sustenance — provided, for instance, in a clergyman's job (4-6).
28 A tartan flag (4).
29 How to be thrown from Black Bess? (6,4).

DOWN

1 Quiet crowd take part in conspiracy (4).
2 Prove superior to the pitcher out of holy writ (7).
3 University in favour of key to deciphering texts (7,5).
4 Schooner seen in the west at sunset (8).
5 Simony — plain and unadulterated? (6).
7 Characters from it are in idleness (7).
8 A means of helping the growth of a young family (10).
11 A late developer from Aylesbury? (4,8).
14 Part of London in Newfoundland? (4,2,4).
17 PM's daughter a foreign national (8).
19 The line taken by a coloured gentleman (7).
21 Let this instrument replace a clarionet (7).
22 In the last game, I'll provide the finishing touch (6).
25 I put up about a pound — look closely (4).

Concise crossword page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

COMMENSAL
a. A formal opening
b. Sharing the same table
c. Mouths of equal lengths

BODRAG
a. A bandage or wound-cloth
b. The scrummage at the Eton Wall Game
c. A hostile attack

TYMP
a. Plate of a blast-furnace
b. A semi-cuirasse
c. A type of watermark

JAMPAN
a. A Japanese schooner
b. A jelly pan
c. An Indian sedan chair

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,815

M	A	S	S	A	C	H	U	S	E	T	T	S	■	■
A	■	T	■	N	■	O	■	T	■	O	■	A	■	P
S	W	E	E	T	E	N	E	R	■	M	A	T	C	H
T	■	A	■	I	■	E	■	I	■	E	■	E	■	O
E	M	M	E	T	■	S	A	K	I	■	P	L	U	S
R	■	■	■	H	■	T	■	E	■	A	■	L	■	P
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A	■	N	■	S	■	N	■	E	■	A	■	E	■	C
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WEATHER

The cloud extending from north-west Scotland to East Anglia will extend south-westward, clearing frost or fog. Northern Ireland and west Scotland will remain cloudy with drizzle. Brighter intervals will reach central and south-east England later in the day. Scottish Highlands and far north-east as well as south-west England will be dry and bright.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	f	Luxor	30	86	s
Akrotiri	23	73	f	Madrid	16	61	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Majorca	23	73	f
Algiers	25	77	s	Malaga	21	70	f
Amst'dm	10	50	s	Malta	22	72	s
Athens	11	52	c	Melb'rne	21	70	s
Bahrain	29	84	s	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Barcelna	18	64	s	Miami*	28	82	s
Belgrade	6	43	f	Milan	12	54	s
Berlin	8	46	r	Montreal*	5	41	f
Bermuda*	23	73	c	Moscow	-2	28	f
Borde'x	19	66	s	Munich	8	46	s
Brussels	10	50	s	Nairobi	25	77	c
Budapst	8	46	s	Naples	15	59	s
B Aires*	17	63	f	N York*	7	45	s
Cairo	24	75	s	Nice	15	59	c
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Oslo	8	46	f
C'blanca	20	68	r	Paris	10	50	s
Chicago*	9	48	s	Peking	14	57	s
Ch'church	14	57	c	Perth	18	64	c
Cologne	10	50	c	Prague	6	43	f
C'phagn	8	46	r	Rhodes	20	68	c
Corfu	17	63	s	Rio de J	38	100	s
Dublin	8	46	s	Rome	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	S F'risco*	17	63	f
Florence	15	59	s	Santiago*	24	75	s
Frankfurt	9	48	c	Seoul	16	61	c
Geneva	8	46	f	St'kholm	0	32	sn
Gibraltar	20	68	c	Sydney	20	68	c
Helsinki	-2	28	f	Tangier	23	73	f
Hong K	23	73	c	Tel aviv	25	77	s
Innsbrck	8	46	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Istanbul	7	45	r	Tokyo	17	63	s
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	5	41	f
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Tunis	21	70	c
Karachi	32	90	s	Vanc'ver*	12	54	c
L Palmas	26	79	s	Venice	11	52	s
Lisbon	16	61	s	Vienna	9	48	f
L Angels*	21	70	s	Warsaw	1	34	c
Luxembg	8	46	s	Wash'ton*	9	48	c

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarborough	3.8	-	9	48	bright
Hunstanton	7.9	-	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	4.0	-	10	50	sunny
Southend	8.5	-	10	50	sunny
Folkestone	3.9	.01	10	50	sunny
Brighton	8.6	-	11	52	sunny
Bognor R	8.2	-	11	52	sunny
Shanklin	8.2	-	11	52	sunny
Bournemth	8.3	-	12	54	sunny
Swanage	8.3	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	6.7	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	2.5	-	12	54	bright
Scilly Isles	5.8	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	8.9	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	4.5	-	12	54	bright
Minehead	7.2	-	9	48	sunny
B'pool Airpt	7.3	-	9	48	sunny
Douglas	2.5	-	10	50	bright
B'ham Airpt	8.0	-	9	48	fog
Bristol (Ctrl)	8.2	-	10	50	sunny
Carlisle	6.4	-	9	48	sunny
Leeds	8.6	-	11	52	sunny
London	8.7	-	11	52	sunny
Manchester	7.0	-	9	48	sunny
N'ctl-n-Tyne	8.7	-	10	50	sunny
Anglesey	8.9	-	11	52	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	8.9	-	8	46	sunny
Tenby	8.7	-	10	50	sunny
Aberdeen	4.8	-	9	48	sunny
Aviemore	0.8	-	7	45	cloudy
Edinburgh	4.8	-	9	48	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.9	-	8	46	sunny
Glasgow	0.5	-	7	45	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.10	8	46	shower
Tiree	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Wick	0.1	.09	7	45	shower

These are Monday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.59	5.5	7.51	5.6
Aberdeen	7.46	3.2	7.48	3.3
Avonmouth	12.14	9.0	12.41	9.2
Belfast	5.11	2.8	5.19	3.1
Cardiff	—	—	12.26	8.7
Devonport	11.16	4.4	—	—
Dover	4.33	5.3	5.30	4.9
Falmouth	10.46	4.2	11.41	3.9
Glasgow	6.21	3.9	6.03	4.2
Harwich	4.57	3.1	6.00	3.2
Holyhead	4.38	4.1	4.58	4.4
Hull	—	—	12.29	5.2
Ilfracombe	11.58	6.7	—	—
Leith	8.52	4.3	9.18	4.3
Liverpool	5.01	6.8	5.32	7.2
Lowestoft	2.42	2.2	4.31	2.1
Margate	5.13	3.9	6.21	3.8
Milford Haven	—	—	12.18	5.1
Newquay	11.18	5.2	—	—
Oban	—	—	1.17	3.0
Penzance	10.33	4.4	11.30	4.1
Portland	12.03	1.3	11.45	1.5
Portsmouth	5.22	3.8	5.40	3.6
Shoreham	4.44	4.9	5.15	4.5
Southampton	5.10	3.5	5.29	3.4
Swansea	—	—	12.10	7.0
Tees	10.06	4.1	10.16	4.3
W'ton-on-Nze	5.02	3.3	6.01	3.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

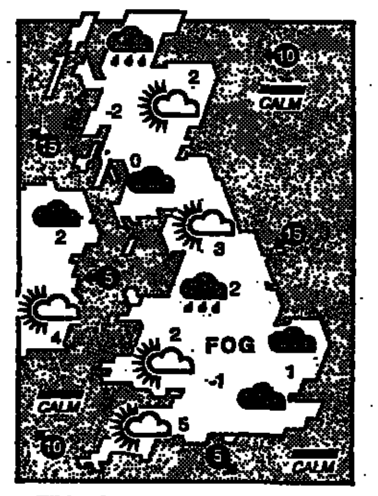
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.11
Austria Sch	23.20	21.90
Belgium Fr	69.30	65.80
Canada $	2.25	2.13
Denmark Kr	12.58	11.96
Finland Mkk	7.79	7.39
France Fr	11.17	10.57
Germany Dm	3.265	3.085
Greece Dr	276	256
Hong Kong $	14.29	13.54
Ireland Pt	1.225	1.165
Italy Lira	2440	2310
Japan Yen	236	220
Netherlands Gld	3.70	3.50
Norway Kr	12.16	11.56
Portugal Esc	270.50	256.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	215.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.39	10.79
Switzerland Fr	2.758	2.598
USA $	1.845	1.75
Yugoslavia Dnr	9100	6800

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 106.4 (September)

London: The *FT* index closed 6.0 higher at 1507.7.

AM



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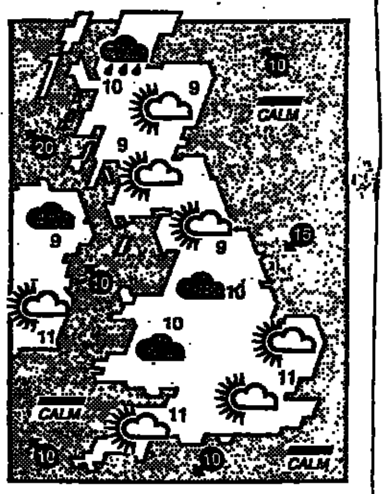


LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F) ; min 6 pm to 6 am,5C (41F) Humidity: 6 pm, 69 *per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6* pm, 8.3 hrs Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.9 millibars, falling
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -2C (28F). *Rain:* 24hr to 6 *pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.6 hrs.*

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.02 pm to 6.28 am
Bristol 5.11 pm to 6.38 am
Edinburgh 5.00 pm to 6.54 am
Manchester 5.04 pm to 6.42 am
Penzance 5.27 pm to 6.46 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Scilly Isles, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 7C (45F); highest *rainfall:* Margate, Kent, 0.11 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 9.1 hr.

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
6.56 am	4.32 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
2.17 pm	12.05 am

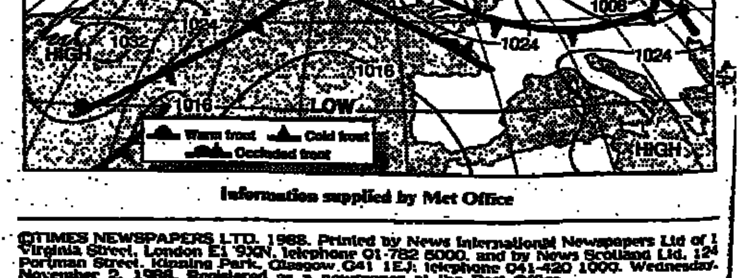
New Moon November 9

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	3	37	fg	Guernsey	11	52	s
B'rmghm	10	50	s	Inverness	7	45	r
Blackpool	9	48	c	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	11	52	s	London	12	54	s
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'nchster	6	43	c
Edinburgh	10	50	f	Newcastle	9	48	f
Glasgow	9	48	c	R'nldsway	8	46	f

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1507.7 (+6.0)	US dollar 1.7645 (–0.0040)
FT-SE 100 1857.8 (+5.4)	W German mark 3.1532 (–0.0001)
USM (Datastream) 162.53 (+0.12)	Trade-weighted 76.5 (+0.1)

THE TIMES

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Halifax names man for Europe

Britain's biggest building society, the Halifax, has announced its first major step into Europe. It has created the new post of divisional manager, European operations, to make sure it is not left behind when the market for financial services is opened up in 1992.

But it does not yet mean the establishment of a string of Halifax branches from Calais to Corfu.

The man appointed to the job, Mr Ian Lumsden, said his role was to examine how the Halifax could take advantage of the wider market.

Prowting up

Prowting, the housebuilder which came to the market in May, increased profits from £6.3 million to £10.7 million in the six months to end-August. Sales rose from £31.1 million to £43.3 million. An interim dividend of 1.7p was declared.

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Wm Low rises

Pre-tax profits at Wm Low, the Scottish food retailer, jumped 42 per cent to £11.5 million on turnover up 7.2 per cent to £265 million. The dividend was increased by 2p to 17p net.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2146.34 (–2.31)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28013.67 (+31.13)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2615.43 (–11.98)
Amsterdam: Gen	285.1 (–0.5)
Sydney: AO	1584.6 (–0.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1627.1 (–4.6)
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris: CAC	Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen	499.2 (+4.0)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	968.72 (+3.18)
FT.– "500"	1058.13 (+3.40)
FT. Gold Mines	168.1 (+0.2)
FT. Fixed interest	97.73 (+0.10)
FT. Govt Secs	89.33 (+0.02)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Lucas	585½p (+25p)
Johnson Matthey	374½p (+22p)
Reckitt & Colman	949½p (+16p)
Body Shop	615p (+11p)
Yale & Valor	355p (+12p)
DAKS Simpson 'A'	590p (+15p)
Greycoat	429½p (+18p)
Ladbroke	456p (+11p)
Hammerson	711½p (+11p)
GR	680p (+48p)
DRG	505p (+10p)
Charter Cons	450p (+12p)
Trafford Park	250p (+10p)
Bolton	70½p (+12p)
Morgan Grenfell	325p (+9p)
FALLS:	
Int Thomson	710p (–20p)
J Smurfit	389p (–9p)
Greenall Whitley	275p (–8p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	23740
SEAQ Volume	473.6m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month interbank 12⅛-12%
3-month eligible bills: 11 21/32-11⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 5/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.35-7.33%*
30-year bonds 103¾-103 13/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7645	£: $1.7680*
£: DM3.1532	$: DM1.7847*
£: SwFr2.6520	$: SwFr1.5017*
£: FFr10.7590	$: FFr6.0965*
£: Yen221.09	$: Yen125.32*
£: Index:76.5	$: Index:95.7
ECU £0.656262	SDR £0.756135

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $411.00 pm-$410.90
close $411.00-411.50 (£233.00-233.50)
New York:
Comex $411.30-411.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) .... pm $12.40 bbl
* Denotes latest trading price

High interest rates, little for tax cuts and 7% inflation

Squeeze on spending ahead

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor's autumn statement and the accompanying economic forecast, published yesterday, implies a tight squeeze on the economy with growth in consumer spending coming to a halt during next year.

The forecast, presented by Mr Nigel Lawson as a return to more sustainable growth, suggests that the present level of interest rates will be maintained until at least the middle of next year, and that there will be little or no tax cuts in the March Budget.

Even so, the current account deficit is expected to decline only marginally — from £13 billion to £11 billion — and inflation is officially predicted to continue to rise until the middle of next year.

And, while there was some surprise in the City that this was not explicitly stated in the Chancellor's speech, the Treasury projections are based on a stable exchange rate for the pound. Any fall in sterling would clearly add to the inflation risks in the economy.

The Treasury expects growth in the economy to come down from 4.5 per cent this year to 3 per cent for next year as a whole. However, it anticipates also that growth in the second half will be lower than in the first, with overall growth of only 2.5 per cent on a year earlier, and an increase in domestic demand of only 1.5 per cent year-on-year.

In his speech, the Chancellor conceded that: "The slower growth forecast for 1989 inevitably implies a marked deceleration during the course of the year, particularly so far as domestic demand is concerned."

The consumer spending slowdown predicted by the Treasury arises from a recovery in the saving ratio from its historically low level of 3.5 per cent this year, a reduction in real income growth as a result of higher inflation and the impact of high interest rates on the private sector.

Mr Brian Pearce, secretary of the Item Club, sponsored by Ernst & Whinney, the accountant, which monitors Treasury forecasts, said the forecast assumed the present level of base rates would be held until mid-1989, and there would be no more than a 1 per cent reduction in interest rates by the end of next year.

The main danger in the forecast is that the sharp slowdown in spending expected by the Treasury will not occur and that inflation and the balance of payments will be even more of a problem than the Chancellor admitted.

The forecast of a decline in the current account deficit is based on import growth slowing to 4.5 per cent next year, from 12 per cent this year, while export growth picks up to an optimistic 5.5 per cent, from 1.5 per cent this year.

Inflation is forecast to reach more than 6.25 per cent in the fourth quarter of this year, and continuing to rise until the middle of next year, when it is likely to be over 7 per cent — before dropping back to 5 per cent by the end of 1989.

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FORECAST FOR THE ECONOMY

	1987	1988	1989
GDP and domestic demand†			
Domestic demand	4½	6	3
of which:			
Consumers' expenditure	5	5½	3½
General government consumption	1	½	½
Fixed investment	5½	12	5½
Change in stockbuilding (% of GDP)	0	0	0
Exports of goods and services	5½	1½	5½
Imports of goods and services	7½	12	4½
Gross domestic product	4	4½	3
Manufacturing output	6	7	4½
Balance of payments current account (£ billion)	-2½	-13	-11
Inflation			
Retail price index (Q4 on Q4)	4	6¼	5
GDP deflator at market prices (financial year)	5¼	6¼	5
Money GDP at market prices			
(Financial year)	10	11	8
£ billion	242	471	508
PSDR (Financial year)			
£ billion	3½	10	
as a percent of GDP	¾	2	

Figures are percentage changes on previous year, unless otherwise stated
†At constant prices

Looking to a grey future: a Kleinwort Benson broker yesterday (Photograph: Marc Aspland)

Fraud Squad net widens

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The City Fraud Squad net has widened in the investigation into the attempted $100 million (£56 million) fraud at Hill Samuel, the merchant bank.

Fraud Squad officers spent yesterday following up leads in the City, as part of the second stage of an intensive operation.

This has set in motion a complex operation demanding international co-operation between police in Britain, Europe and North and South America.

The attempted fraud itself was made in Britain but was discovered at Hill Samuel's New York office, because of discrepancies in the accounts there and in London.

The attempted fraud concerned payments made to offshore banks in Europe and South America. Ten payments to different destinations were involved.

Police believe the masterminds behind the attempted fraud are probably not in this country.

The Fraud Squad has now finished interviewing Hill Samuel staff, and officers were not seen in the bank's Wood Street headquarters at all yesterday.

Hill Samuel has blocked all the payments and expects the money to be returned.

However, even if some of the money had been taken by members of the gang, it is understood that Hill Samuel would have been sufficiently insurance to cover at least some of the loss.

One lead being followed yesterday may have been a £850,000 banker's draft, arranged by the culprits as part of the fraud attempt.

On balance, the market stays quiet

By Our Economics
Correspondent

Market reaction to the statement was muted. Dealers said that positive and negative elements offset one another.

Gilts gained on the announcement of an unchanged £167 billion planning total for public spending next year, but fell on the Treasury's inflation forecasts to close broadly unchanged. The pound dipped 40 points to $1.7645 but was unchanged at DM3.1540. The sterling index closed fractionally up at 76.5, from 76.4.

Equities held early gains, but did not react to the statement. The FT-SE 100 index closed up 5.4 points at 1,857.8. Dealers said elements of the Treasury's forecast were bearish but were reluctant to respond too sharply to official forecasts which had been badly wrong at Budget-time.

"This was a mildly constructive statement," said Mr Bill Martin, chief economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker. "The public spending figure was the most welcome surprise in it. There was some welcome fiscal restraint in there."

But he gave a warning about the inflation and growth. "They face a tougher choice between inflation and activity than they care to admit. There was nothing in the statement about price stability and the inflation standard may now be 5 or 6 per cent."

Mr John Shepperd, economist at Warburg Securities, the market maker, said the £10 billion public sector debt repayment estimate this year could to be too cautious with £13 billion more likely.

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US indicators show further slowdown

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US index of leading indicators dropped by an unexpected 0.1 per cent in September, continuing a slowing trend in the economy which is expected to remain until the end of the year.

The decline in activity compared with a gain in the key barometer of economic growth of 0.5 per cent in August.

But the financial markets hardly reacted to the data. Market forecasts suggested an 0.1 per cent gain in September.

The figures were released as members of the open market committee of the US Federal Reserve Boards met to chart the course of monetary policy over the next two months.

Analysts expected the Fed to stay on its present course, on the eve of the elections, despite the recent drop in the dollar.

There was widespread expectation that the dollar would be tested on the downside over the next two months, possibly requiring massive intervention.

Traders said the Fed was closely monitoring the market, after Monday's joint intervention with Japan, in which it sent the first signal of concern about the rapid dollar fall in the past three weeks.

The slowing of the economy from last year's more robust pace has led to fears that the US will be unable to match expectations of weak growth.

US commerce department officials announced last week that the gross national product grew at an annual rate of only 2.2 per cent in the third quarter, from 3 per cent in the previous quarter, largely due to the effects of the summer drought. Economists expect them to continue to depress growth in the final quarter.

Shearson leads with 140 transactions

US deals at record $198bn

(New York Times) — The total value of mergers and acquisitions reached a record in the first three quarters of this year, with more than $198 billion (£112 billion) worth of deals being completed, according to IDD Information Services.

The figures rose 35 per cent from $146.2 billion in the corresponding period in 1987.

While figures for the third quarter slowed to $60.7 billion from $88.7 billion in the second quarter, the report said the recent wave of large deals, including the current KKR bid for Nabisco, now valued at more than $20 billion, is expected to push this quarter's figures back up.

Shearson Lehman Hutton had the largest total over the three quarters, receiving $57 billion in 140 separate transactions — more than triple the 1987 period.

Goldman, Sachs & Co was next, with 86 deals worth $54.7 billion. Wasserstein, Perella & Co, the company founded by former members of the mergers department at First Boston, ranked eighth for its work on nine deals worth $15.7 billion.

● Peat Marwick McLintock, Britain's largest firm of accountants, yesterday launched the first of a regular survey on mergers and acquisitions — "Deal Watch".

The firm forecasts that overseas acquisition investment by British companies will grow by 20 per cent over the next year to top £23 billion, and that foreign acquisitions of Britsh companies will grow by 15 per cent to £24 billion.

The firm is setting up a British merger and acquisition network on which clients can draw for corporate and acquisition advice.

Allied in £105m US sale

By Our Energy
Correspondent

Allied Lyons has sold the North American oil and gas assets acquired when it took over Hiram Walker, the Canadian distiller.

Gulf Canada Resources, which orginally owned the assets, has exercised its right to repurchase them for Can$227 million (£105 million).

The deal values the assets at about £5 a barrel according to analysts. They add that this is a far higher price than Allied Lyons would have received if they had sold them on the open market.

Mr Clifford Hatch, finance director at Allied Lyons, said the decision to dispose of the oil and gas holdings had no relevance to the possible interest in Allied Lyons of Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur. He said that Allied Lyons knew that it did not want the oil and gas assets when it bought Hiram Walker in 1986.

The sale will reduce Allied Lyons debt and Mr Hatch added that the interest savings would outstrip the profits being made by the oil and gas businesses. Last year the assets, which have a book value of $181.5 million (£102.6 million) returned a net profit of $3.5 million.

The assets are in the Rocky Mountain region and the US Gulf coast.

B&C expected to net £240m in buyouts at subsidiaries

By Our Banking Correspondent

British & Commonwealth Holdings is close to announcing the sale of MW Marshall and William Street, two money broking subsidiaries, in separate management buyouts.

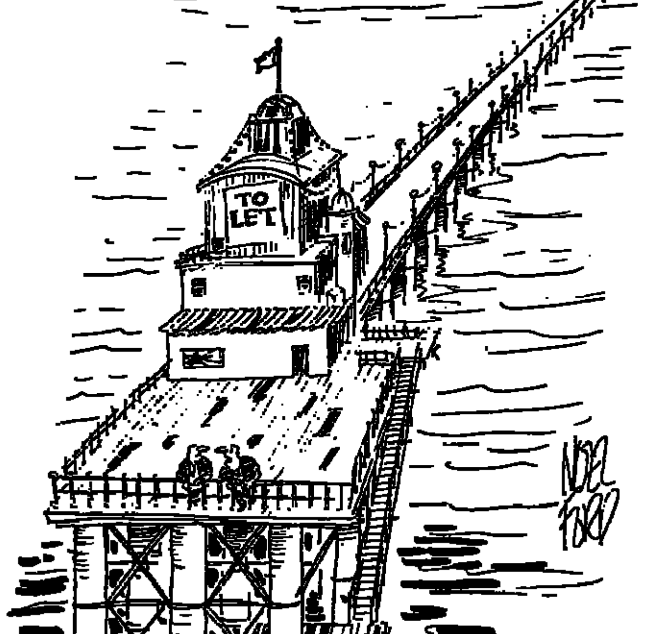
The deals, which could be completed by Christmas, end months of negotiation after the original agreement to sell to Quadrex Securities, headed by Mr Gary Klesch, fell through in February.

The two buyouts are expected to bring B&C up to £240 million, considerably more than some City analysts were anticipating.

The negotiations have been prolonged by B&C needing to get the best possible price for the two broking businesses. It must do so as part of its court action against Quadrex, which it is suing for any shortfall in the ultimate sale of the companies compared with the original £280 million agreed with Quadrex.

B&C has been keen to secure large management involvement in any eventual sale. The management of Marshall was particularly opposed to the deal with Quadrex because it felt it had not been consulted or given enough control over the company.

B&C has proved its commitment to management buyouts. In June, it presided over the second largest management buyout in Britain when it sold Bricom, to the company's managers and a group of outside investors for £350 million.



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Sir Phil lays carpet challenge

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Barely four months after bowing out of Harris Queensway with £60 million cash from Mr James Gulliver's Lowndes Ventures, Sir Philip Harris is mounting a carpet retail challenge to his old company.

It is in a joint venture with MFI, Britain's biggest out-of-town furniture retailer, with which the Gulliver interests have carpet outlet concessions within MFI stores.

All concerned in the seemingly tangled skein of developments were attempting to be gentlemanly about it, but the head-on clash had clearly not caused any rejoicing in the Gulliver camp at what is now Lowndes Queensway.

Lowndes Queensway is still in the process of selling off some of the interests of what was Sir Philip's Harris Queensway group including the Hamleys toy interests. Lowndes Queensway is looking to raise more than £100 million from disposals in the next few months, but last week the shares took a tumble when a leading retail sector analyst cut its profits forecasts for the group.

An early move had been the sale of a 75 per cent stake in Harveys, a soft furnishings chain, to a company headed by Sir Philip. That deal raised £24 million. There had been no agreement that Sir Philip would stay out of retailing for a period after pulling out of Harris Queensway.

The saga moved on yesterday when MFI, led by Mr Derek Hunt as chairman since its management buyout from the Asda group, announced the development of a chain of carpet superstores trading as Carpetwise of London as a joint venture with Sir Philip who will run the chain backed up by several senior executives. Sir Philip plans to put in a four-day week on Carpetwise which is targeting 10 store openings within six months. If these prove successful, the aim will be to extend the chain to as many as 40 in the first year of operation.

The Harris management team was involved in developing Carpetland, now part of Lowndes Queensway, as an edge-of-town carpet stores chain. Carpetland consists of 90 stores and Lowndes Queensway plans to open another 25 over the next six months.

Carpetwise and Carpetland will be following virtually the same formula of selling mostly straight from the carpet roll for customers to take away.

Mr Hunt said the in-store carpets concessions deal was done because MFI had no expertise in selling carpets and he was "very happy" with the way it had developed. The same thinking was behind the Harris joint venture although MFI saw the venture as entirely separate from the MFI operations.

Mr Hunt said: "MFI is committed to establishing a foothold in the £1.5 billion UK carpet market. This task will be made a great deal easier by our choice of business partner. Sir Phil brings to the venture an unrivalled business background in carpet retailing."

But Mr Hunt seemed to be laying down some battle lines when he added: "The carpet market is not the most exciting. Market gains are usually at somebody else's expense."

At Lowndes Queensway Mr Eddie Dayan, the managing director, said: "We welcome any effort to increase the size of the UK carpet market which we believe to be under-developed and in which Lowndes Queensway is the dominant market leader with a 15 per cent share."

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: engineering shares shrugged off their lethargy, with NEI (04575) 4½p to the good and Hopkinsons (02374), in which NEI has a stake, up 4p. Chloride (02596) went ahead 4p on talk of an attempted management buyout. Continuing speculation on the Minorco bid saw ConsGold (02200) 7p better, while Chartered Consolidated (03253) and Johnson Matthey (01317) gained in sympathy.

● Recent additions include: The Chieftain Group 03481; Estates General Inv 6% conv pref 03482.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Rechem boosted by toxic disposal demand

A surge in demand for the disposal of hazardous toxic wastes virtually doubled pre-tax profits at Rechem Environmental Services, which came to the stock market through a placing in May, from £1.83 million to £3.61 million in the six months to end-September. The interim dividend rises by 1p to 2.5p.

The company is now looking at negotiating in Europe on a plan to build an incinerator complex for dangerous wastes such as polychlorinated biphenyls in an unnamed country. The plan is now under discussion with the host government. In Britain, Rechem plans a move into landfill work for non-hazardous waste and is negotiating to purchase several sites. It has £6 million in the bank for expansion and modification of its plants at Pontypool, Gwent, and Fawley, Hampshire. Analysts are looking for full-year profits before tax of between £7.5 million and £8 million.

BDA builds to £719,000

BDA Holdings, the East London residential and commercial property company, which came to the market last year, has increased pre-tax profits from £459,000 to £719,000 in the six months to end-July. Turnover was £4.17 million (£1.69 million). Earnings per share rose from 3.9p to 5.1p. The interim dividend is 1.5p, an increase of 0.5p.

Property deal for Bredero

Bredero Properties, the retail and office property developer, has reached agreement with the Crown Estate over a prestigious retail and office development in Regent Street, central London. Bredero declined to disclose the value of the deal. The building will have 70,000 sq ft of office space covering four floors above a specialist shopping centre.

Whisky buyout wins

Hawker Siddeley Group, the largest shareholder with 65 per cent, finally gave its formal and irrevocable support yesterday to the buyout bid for Invergordon Distillers, the Scotch whisky firm, valuing the Original Mackinlay and Isle of Dura whiskies group at £93 million. The four-man management buyout team is led by Dr Charles Craig, the non-executive chairman, and Mr Chris Craig, the managing director.

Hawker's decision has ended speculation of a rival cash bid. However, the news depressed the share price slightly, which was marked down 7p tp 400p after the announcement. Total irrevocable undertakings for the buyout now stand at 72.46 per cent of Invergordon's share capital.

£1.15m buy for Garton

Garton Engineering, the West Midlands manufacturer of engineering components and fasteners, has bought H Goodwin for £1.15 million in cash. Goodwin, which operates a graphite and iron foundry in Walsall, had pre-tax profits of £475,000 on turnover of £1.63 million in the year to March 31. Net assets were £1.3 million.

Blagden land sale nets £6m

Blagden Industries has sold its redundant site at Billericay in Essex to Countryside Properties for £6 million after a successful appeal for residential development. The £3.5 million net profit on the sale, together with the recent rights issue, has enhanced Blagden shareholders' funds by about £15 million, while improving group liquidity by £16.5 million.

Slip in Global profits

Global Group, the USM-quoted meat products manufacturer, reported pre-tax profits down to £205,000 from £439,000 in the year to end-May, as a result of faulty reporting systems, a fall in demand and bad debts in France. The slip came despite a turnover increase from £35.7 million to £50.95 million. Global shares fell 10p to 61p on the news.

The company said the management reporting system led to an overstatement of contract volumes and considerable understatement of overhead costs. Global's French subsidiary reported a £18,000 loss of £18,000, from a profit of £80,000. Demand was also down in other EEC countries. Earnings per share were down 3.5p from 6.0p.The final dividend was 0.5p, making 1.75p, down from 3p last year.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
BMSS (118p)	123 +1½	SMAC Group	96
Bucknall Aust (110p)	115 +2	SWP	26
Builder Gp (125p)	161	Specialeyes	77
Chieftain Group	104	Sunset & Vine	105 −1
Christie Grp (145p)	185	Swallowfield	160 +2
Colonnade	139	Tams (John) (80p)	93
Edinburgh Hibernian	58	Thorntons (125p)	128
Heritage (95p)	160	Zurich Group	54
Hi-Tech Sports	145 +1	**RIGHTS ISSUES**	
Jeyes Group	171 +3	Anglia Sec N/P	42 −1
Lincat Group (115p)	170 +2	Benlox Hlds NP	6
Mitsubishi Bank	£13 7⁄16 −⅛	Caird Gp NP	30 +2
Nat Telecom	149	Fitch Lovell N/P	27
Newzealand Inv	100	Regina H&B N/P	11 −1
Racal Telecom	170½	Simms N/P	25
Ralston	68 +1	Sutcliffe Spkm NP	6
Savills (125p)	119 +1	Tysons N/P	4 +1
SCR Corp	£19¼ +3⁄16	Queens Moat Hse NP	27
		(Issue price in brackets).	

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	417	CU	871	Laporte	1,070	Saatchi	411
Abbey	2,092	Cons Gold	778	L&G	903	Sainsbury	1,960
Alld-Lyons	3,090	Cookson	1,459	Lloyds	2,094	Scot & N	7,548
Amstrad	754	Courtaulds	367	Lonrho	2,315	Sears	761
ASDA	2-211	Dalgety	321	Lucas	1,543	Sedgwick	187
AB Foods	964	Dixons	79	Magnet	1,601	Shell	1,283
Argyll	1,265	EEC	114	M&S	2,833	Siebe	2,925
BAA	943	Enterprise	451	Maxwell Cm	1,726	Slough	335
BET	3,721	Ferranti	3,278	MB Group	n/a	Smith & N	1,536
BTR	993	Fisons	1,214	MEPC	537	Smith WH	768
BAT	1,677	FKI Babck	5,552	Midland	522	Smiths Ind	1,427
Barclays	2,090	Gateway Cp	1,314	NatWest	1,669	STC	1,068
Bass	343	Gen Acc	1,197	Next	1,023	Stan Chart	237
Beecham	1,896	GEC	8,530	Nth Food	559	Storehse	1,020
Beazer	363	Glaxo	520	P&O	228	Sun Allnce	271
Bertsfd SW	49	Globe Inv	420	Pearl	315	T & N	2,049
BICC	313	Glynwed	298	Pearson	11	Tarmac	778
Blue Arrow	3,061	Granada	1,320	Pilkington	4,015	Tate & Lyle	86
Blue Circle	162	Grand Met	4,077	Plessey	1,109	Taylor Wood	189
BOC	660	GUS 'A'	314	Polly Peck	39	TSB	1,732
Boots	2,765	GRE	521	Prudential	3,252	Tesco	6,272
BPB	890	GKN	640	Racal	2,435	Thorn EMI	1,378
Br Aero	244	Guinness	1,213	Rk Hovis	494	Trafalgar	1,523
Br Airways	1,053	Hamm 'A'	449	Rank	894	THF	3,283
Br Comm	900	Hanson	9,258	R&C	654	Ultramar	551
Br Gas	3,764	H & C	216	Redland	1,185	Unigate	1,357
Br Land	208	Hawker	426	Reed	2,830	Unilever	1,675
Br Petrol	2,341	Hillsdown	1,587	Reuters	72	United Bis	1,952
Br Telecm	9,209	IMI	1,497	RMC Gp	470	Utd News	241
Bunzl	1,651	ICI	771	RTZ	1,707	Wellcome	1,036
Burmah	1,297	Inchcape	1,658	R-Royce	454	Whitbrd	435
Burton	580	Jaguar	2,380	Rothmn 'B'	34	Williams	753
C&W	2,159	Lasmo	176	Rowntree	n/a	Willis Fab	580
Cadbury	960	Ladbroke	1,544	Royal Bank	478	Wimpey G	1,183
Coats	1,501	Land Sec	1,161	Royal Ins	422	Woolworth	261

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INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER SALE OF A TOURIST COMPLEX IN EL MANSOURAH, KELIBIA

Agence Foncière Touristique, a state agency specialized in industry and trade, is selling a tourist complex at El Mansourah, Kélibia to the highest bidder. The said complex covers a surface of 54 Ha and includes a hotel with 328 beds, in operating condition, and various outbuildings.

The complex is intended to hold an integrated tourist resort with 3450 beds, including 2490 hotel and hotel apartment beds and 960 beds in transferable property, as well as leisure and entertainment centers.

On publication of this notice, interested persons or companies can obtain the tender file from the Central Order Office of Agence Foncière Touristique, on payment of the sum of One Hundred Dinars.

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WM Low slices a larger foods share

Mention food retailing in Scotland and shoppers will readily think of William Low, the expanding supermarket chain which is now building a growing presence in the North of England.

William Low grew out of a two-man partnership formed in 1868, originally offering counter service in Scotland's high streets for almost the first 100 years of its life. During the early 1960s, the stores converted to self-service, but it was not until 1981 that Low began building supermarkets.

The last stage in the transformation from small high street outlets to predominantly edge-of-town supermarkets was completed last year with a programme of closures of the majority of the remaining small outlets.

Compared with five years ago, when 80 per cent of profits came from outlets of under 10,000 sq ft, 70 per cent of profits now come from outlets greater than 10,000 sq ft. Compared with an average store size of 9,500 sq ft five years ago, the average now is 14,500 sq ft and rising.

Future growth will come from the trend towards higher margin fresh, chilled and frozen convenience foods, and the relative immaturity of its own position within the sector.

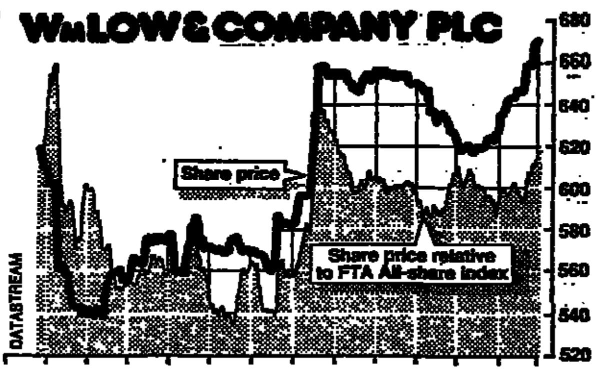
Last year's results demonstrate that there is still plenty of scope for growth arising from its recent expansion programme. Turnover was up 7.2 per cent to £265 million. However, excluding store closures and the disposal of Lowfreeze, the true underlying rate of growth in turnover was 14.1 per cent.

New space contributed 8.3 per cent, like-for-like volume growth was 3.3 per cent and price inflation 2.5 per cent. Meanwhile trading margins strengthened from 3.64 per cent to 4.35 per cent.

This year, Low expects to spend about £18 million on three large extensions and three new stores, adding 100,000 sq ft, an increase of just over 10 per cent.

After last year's 42 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £11.5 million, analysts are looking for a further 26 per cent rise this year to £14.5 million.

As a result of the recent convertible issue, earnings per share growth will be slower, up 4 per cent to 55.9p. The prospective multiple of 12 reflects some speculative interest surrounding Sir Ron Brierly's 8.8 per cent interest in the company.



Prowting

It would be hard to improve the defensive qualities of Prowting. It has a six-year land bank with planning permission, much of which was bought at historically low prices.

Although it ties up capital, a long land bank provides perfect protection if the dullness being experienced at present by housebuilders turns into a full-blown recession.

With average land cost accounting for well under 15 per cent of average selling prices, Prowting has the flexibility to adjust volumes and/or margins at its leisure.

Some other developers have lately been forced by rising land prices to operate with the land element representing up to 40 per cent of selling prices. Prowting has not cut back on its land buying programme, but avoids buying in the open market.

The balance sheet contains £5 million of net cash. This is impressive, as the recent flotation which raised £19 million eliminated borrowings, and since then, £11 million has been spent on land.

Although Prowting is not represented in the north of England, or in Scotland, it is spread reasonably broadly across the south of England, with only one development within the M25 boundary.

Unit sales in the half year were up to expectations at 420. Margins held up well and have continued to widen in the second half.

Unit sales to the year-end next February are unlikely to be as high, but the profit per unit will be higher. So, profits in the second half should be at least double those just reported.

Forecasts of £22 million pre-tax seem comfortably achievable, putting the shares on a p/e of 7.4 times.

Next year, when the market is most nervous about the housing sector, Prowting's flexibility should ensure continued earnings growth. By increasing output and the number of sites being developed, unit sales could comfortably rise to 1,000 a year. So what was lost in margin could be made up in volume.

It is too early to say whether the sluggish autumn selling season represents a temporary or permanent loss of confidence. The economic background remains favourable.

However, Prowting's rating takes the uncertainty on board, while the quality of the underlying business provides sound future potential.

Jaguar

It is a sad investment judgement when interest in a share is concentrated solely on takeover hopes because the profits outlook is so horrid.

But that is the case for Jaguar. Because of adverse currency movements and sluggish North American sales, half-time profits to end-June fell by more than half to £22.5 million. The market is holding its breath for year-end results.

Jaguar executives will thus have to be in their most persuasive mood tomorrow, when they address the Society of Investment Analysts, if they would hope to convince the market that Jaguar is worth a following and that the market's worst fears are not about to be realized.

After 1987 pre-tax profits of £97 million and a total dividend of 10.5p a share, current thinking is that 1988 profits will be no better than between £35 million and £40 million. A number of analysts fear a cut in this year's final dividend.

The interim dividend was bravely maintained, and while economic sense might dictate that a cut in the final dividend should be made, it would nonetheless be seen by the investment community as a savage blow.

Jaguar has declared an intention of improving efficiency and cutting costs, but there are clearly limitations as to how far this can be effected in the short-term.

Meanwhile, the City is looking for more positive guidelines than those given at the interim stage; about how Jaguar is coping with exchange rate movements and cover.

Judged purely on fundamentals, Jaguar, at 257p on a prospective price earnings ratio of 19.7, is over-priced.

What stops the share price from falling that much further, however, is the thought that, as a brand name car manufacturer, Jaguar could come into takeover sights after 1990, when the Government's golden share falls away.

Investment trusts will move to Guernsey

By Carol Ferguson

Romney Trust and Raeburn Investment Trust, managed by Lazard Securities, are planning a reconstruction into a single new open-ended investment company based in Guernsey.

The purpose of the reconstruction, which is at an advanced stage, is to remove the discount of the share price to the net assets of the funds.

Discounts have been a feature of investment trusts for many years, and those for both Romney and Raeburn have been in line with the industry average of about 20 per cent.

The share prices of both trusts rose, narrowing the discounts to 7 per cent, on news of the proposed reconstruction.

The new company, which will offer different classes of shares to suit investors' needs, will be capitalized at about £265 million. It is being based in Guernsey because the United Kingdom regulations do not allow investment companies to have redeemable preference shares, a key feature of this scheme.

Investors will be able to select shares according to their investment objectives, choosing between income and capital, and by geographic area.

Mr Stuart Webb, chief executive of Lazard Investors, said yesterday that Guernsey was bringing its regulations more into line with those of the United Kingdom's Securities and Investments Board.

"We hope to go live before the year-end," Mr Webb said. "But it may take longer, because the scheme is unique and very original, and it should appeal to institutions and individuals."

The Prudential owns more than 20 per cent of both trusts, and Mr Webb said that with the industry under attack, the managers had to be realists and find ways of eliminating the discounts.

"If there is an attractive way to eliminate discounts, we should do so," he said.

"But I'm sure we will be copied, and that is why we have been cautious in what we reveal at this stage," he added.

Scholey planning Tokyo listing after British Steel flotation

From Joe Joseph
Tokyo

British Steel, which is hoping to sell 12 per cent of its equity in Japan when it is returned to private hands next month, expects to have its shares listed on the Tokyo stock exchange.

Sir Robert Scholey, the British Steel chairman, said yesterday that he hoped the listing would be shortly after the £2.5 billion flotation.

A Tokyo listing is likely to sweeten the attraction of what is already viewed as an attractive opportunity by many Japanese investors.

Sir Robert, who arrived in Tokyo on Sunday to encourage enthusiasm among Japanese investors for the share sale, said at a news conference that British Steel would decide on November 23 at what price to sell its shares in Japan.

British Steel, Europe's most profitable steelmaker, has allocated 12 per cent of the offering for Japan. The same amount will be put on sale in America.

But there are some who feel Sir Robert may be over-egging the pudding.

His visit to Tokyo coincides with fears in London among advisers to the British Steel flotation that Japanese steel companies will pounce on the privatization to strengthen their foothold in Europe.

'Sweetener for Japanese': Sir Robert Scholey, BS chairman

What stock they cannot secure during the official share offering they will pick up in the after-market, analysts say.

Japan's steelmakers, like many other industrialists here, are worried about being frozen out of Europe after the creation of the single market within the European Community in 1992 and have been devising strategies to vault into the trading bloc before any barriers are put up barring them entry.

The British Steel flotation is regarded as a promising passport.

Visiting European officials have grown used to becoming a sounding board for the fears of Japanese ministers and businessmen who foresee protectionism looming in one of their most lucrative export markets.

Herr Martin Bangemann, the West German economics minister, who will become a member of the European Commission in January, has been the latest European official to be lobbied on the subject during his present visit to the country.

Mr Sousuke Uno, Japan's foreign minister, yesterday told Herr Bangemann over lunch that Tokyo regarded relaxation of restrictions by European nations on car imports from Japan as a test of whether or not the planned single European market after 1992 would be protectionist or not.

Herr Bangemann assured Mr Uno of West Germany's free trade credentials and stressed, in return, that Japan could help its own case by being more welcoming about importing foreign goods.

Output cut and jobs go at RTZ subsidiary

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

RTZ Corporation is halving output and reducing the workforce by 40 per cent at its Capper Pass tin smelter at North Ferriby, on Humberside.

It blames the international tin crisis, raw material shortages and running costs for operating losses at Capper Pass, which is among the world leaders in smelting low grade tin concentrates and tin residues in waste materials.

Altogether, 328 out of 808 jobs are going, but RTZ has given warning that the rest could be at risk. A reorganization programme to cut back output to 10,000 tons of eletrolytic tin a year gave Capper Pass a chance of survival, but its future remained under threat because of difficulties it faces, RTZ said.

The smelter has been hit by structural changes in the international tin market after the collapse of the International Tin Agreement in 1985. Prices are now less than half the 1985 level. Serious overcapacity affects the industry worldwide.

At Capper Pass, supplies of tin concentrates have been greatly reduced, and it has not been possible to operate plants at their full capacity.

Other problems affecting Capper Pass include high UK interest rates, a 20 per cent rise in local authority rates and increased electricty charges.

It has faced these financial imposts at a time when competitors in Malaysia are enjoying the subsidizing effect of tax cuts and electricity charge reductions.

Tin smelting is largely carried out in developing countries, where wage rates severely undercut those on Humberside.

Losses, which started in 1986, are expected to amount to an operating deficit of several millions pounds.

Since it started seeking solutions to the Capper Pass problems, RTZ has had a "for sale" sign on its subsidiary.

Any possibility of a management buyout has been ruled out.

Warner Howard rises to £2.06m

By Our City Staff

Warner Howard Group, the supplier of laundry systems and hand driers which came to the market in June last year, raised pre-tax profits by 29 per cent to £2.06 million in the six months to end-August.

Mr Ernest Hazell, the managing director, said the result included a contribution of about £125,000 from Automations International, the group's first acquisition since the flotation.

He added: "Our trading side has been very good. Our rental business has marginally increased but is still running at a good rate. We will be continuing to put the emphasis on rental because we believe that is where the long-term future lies."

The group is now looking for a third leg, possibly a company supplying machines to the catering industry.

"There's still organic growth in laundry and hygiene, but we would want to be selling a third set of equipment to many of our existing customers running hotels, hospitals and nursing homes," said Mr Hazell.

The dividend is raised from 0.93p to 1.3p., partly to reduce the disparity between interim and year-end payments. Market estimates are for pre-tax profits of £4.1 million for this financial year.

Geevor agrees £5m colliery purchase

By Our City Staff

Geevor, the Cornish tin mining company moving into the coal industry, has agreed the purchase of Mainband Colliery, near Whitehaven, Cumbria, for £5 million in new shares.

The acquisition, and a £3.32 million development programme at the mine, will mean Geevor issuing 11.14 million new shares, 4 million of which will be offered back to existing shareholders at 70p. The shares lost 3p to 73p on the news.

Mainband has recoverable reserves of 4.9 million tonnes and is the largest private underground mine in Britain. Mr Eric Grayson, Geevor's chairman, owns 26 per cent of Mainband. Negotiations for the acquisition, in which Mr Grayson took no part, were announced earlier this year.

Geevor is predicting an average pre-tax annual rate of return on the investment, over the first ten years of the mine's life, of 42 per cent. Other recent developments should mean the group moving from its current loss-making position to a profitable one in this financial year. In the year to end-March, it made an operating loss of £676,000.

In April a one-for-one rights issue at 100p failed, with only 835,000 of the 3.325 million on offer taken up.

Mosaic could pay £9m in four deals

By Martin Waller

Mosaic Investments, the other vehicle of Mr Greg Hutchings, the chief executive of Tomkins, has acquired four companies for a total of £6.15 million initially and a maximum of £9.15 million in deferred consideration.

Mr Hutchings, moved in at Mosaic, then known as Press Tools, last year. At the time he unveiled plans to run it as a "seed-corn" investment company buying small high-growth businesses and leaving existing management in control while he retained a non-executive role.

These criteria are met by the latest acquistions — the PSV group of companies, which make spirit measures and bar accessories, Rodney Day Associates, an advertising consultancy, Pan-Eagle, a precision engineer, and Masterplug Products, a plastic injection moulding business.

In all, Mosaic is paying £1.35 million in cash and £1.25 million in the form of convertible preference shares, as well as issuing 1.545 million new shares, for the initial consideration. The company said all the purchases were in areas familiar to it.

There are now more than 20 companies within the group. Its last purchase, Linney Products, also makes bar accessories, and will be combined with PSV.

The aim is to make Mosaic an "entrepreneurial management company," said Mr David Williams, the development director and one of the two men brought in by Mr Hutchings to build Mosaic.

He added: "We're going around the country looking for companies with a medium-sized business which want to grow larger, and offering them our financial controls and abilities to find acquisitions."

More bids for US food groups likely

New York (Reuter) — Leading multinational food companies such as Unilever and Nestlé could defend their US market shares by acquiring American companies, analysts said, following the Philip Morris $13.1 billion (£7.41 billion) merger with Kraft.

"This could push companies like Nestlé and Unilever to become more aggressive in making acquisitions of US food companies with healthy overseas operations," said Mr William Maguire, food analyst of Merrill Lynch, the securities house.

Analysts consider that companies which could fit Unilever or Nestle's requirements include Quaker Oats Co, Sara Lee Corporation and Borden.

A spokesman for Unilever declined to comment on the possibility, but noted that the company had just announced an agreement to buy Durkee Industrial Foods from Hanson Industries for $185 million. Nestlé was not available to comment. But analysts said it may not be looking for acquisitions for at least a year after its recent purchase of Rowntree.

Despite Unilever's acquisition of Durkee, analysts said it has enough financial strength to make a large acquisition.

"Unilever has been considering making a US foods or consumer goods acquisition. It does have the cash, but it hasn't made up its mind yet," said Mr Maguire.

Philip Morris and its General Foods subsidiary, is one of the nation's largest food and tobacco companies with 1987 revenues of $27.7 billion. Kraft, with about $9.9 billion in annual sales, has several world-wide food brands, whose names and distribution systems Philip Morris could use.

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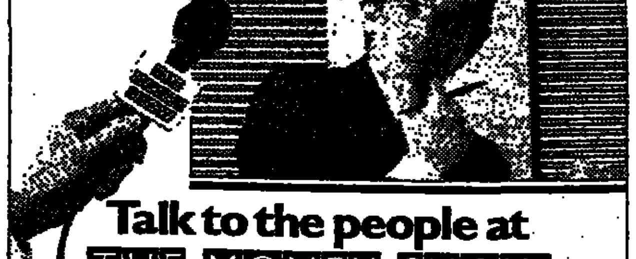

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New electricity companies after power sell-off named

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The three new private companies which will emerge out of the nationalized electricity industry — one of them with a £7 billion turnover and ranking it among the world's largest companies — have been named.

The two power generating companies which will emerge from the present Central Electricity Generating Board will be known as National Power and the Power Generation Company.

National Power, with £7 billion turnover, will control 70 per cent of the existing network of power stations including all the present nuclear power stations.

The third new company, to be called the National Grid Company, will control the national transmission centre in London and the high voltage network which criss-crosses the country, linking power stations with area sub-stations.

National Power will have 30,900 megawatts of conventional power generation capacity and 9,000 megawatts of nuclear generation capacity.

Its chief executive-designate, Mr John Baker, who is the CEGB corporate managing director, said yesterday that National Power will be very different from the CEGB, but will build on the best features of the CEGB. It is already looking at new initiatives, he said.

"The electricity market is very buoyant. There is growing recognition of the need for nuclear power, not least for environmemtal reasons.

"We shall have opportunities in fuel purchasing to reduce costs, for we shall be free to look for the cheapest fossil fuel from any source.

"There will be scope for new management initiatives: more flexible ways of financing plant, for example."

National Power, and the other two new companies, will operate in shadow form as divisions of the CEGB until they receive legal status, probably in January 1990.

The second generating company, will be known by its shortened name, PowerGen, and it will control 38 conventional power stations with a capacity to produce 18,700 megawatts.

Its chairman-designate, Mr Robert Malpas, a former BP director, said: "We wanted power generation in our name because it describes exactly what our business will be."

PowerGen will have its headquarters in Solihull, West Midlands, with a small base in London.

The National Grid Company will also own the cross-Channel link through which France can supply the equivalent of output from two of its nuclear power stations.

It will also control the link across the border from Scotland and the pumped storage power stations at Dinorwig and Ffestiniog, Gwynedd.

Mr David Jeffries, its chairman-designate, said: "Our commitment is to establish a company which will keep its performance very sharp, to ensure that the benefits of competition are achieved."

C&W bid for TR is extended

By Our City Staff

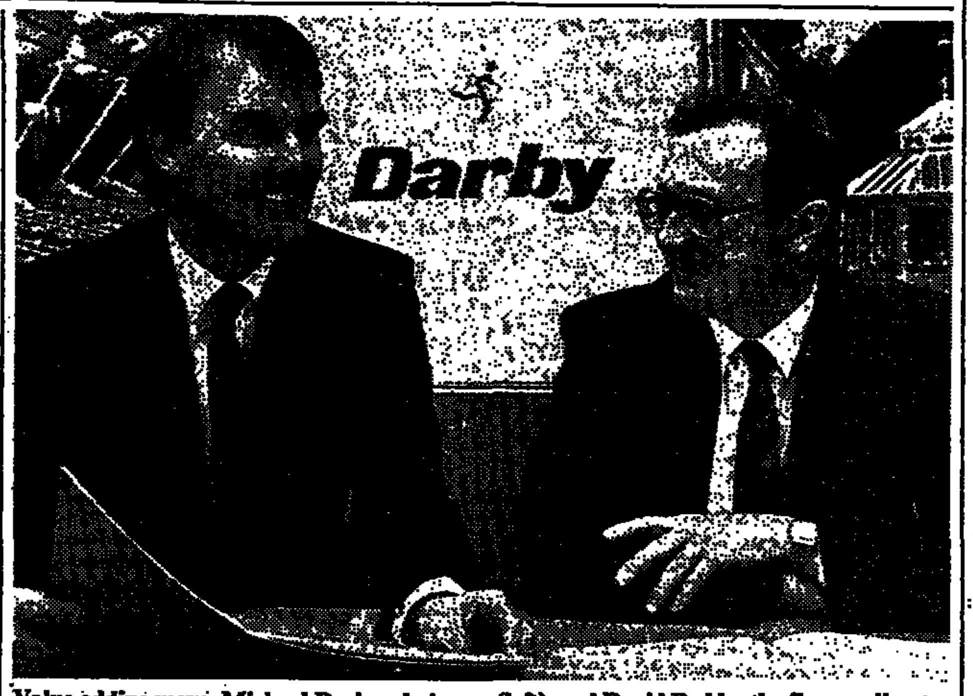
Cable and Wireless has extended its £284 million offer for Telephone Rentals, the business telephone systems supplier, for four weeks until November 28.

At the same time it announced that it had received 0.42 per cent of acceptances by the first closing date on Monday. This brings C&W's holding in TR to 2.56 per cent.

TR shares fell 9p to 339p yesterday following the extension, which was not accompanied by an increase in C&W's 305p-a-share bid.

Mr Gordon Owen, C&W's deputy chief executive, warned that if his group failed to acquire Telephone Rentals it would develop its own equipment distribution and maintenance business in Britain in direct competition with TR. This could be achieved by starting a new company with personnel and expertise from CSL, a C&W wholly-owned Hong Kong company.

Mr Gus Moore, group managing director of TR, said the claim that C&W could successfully set up its own maintenance and distribution business was "naive and wholly unconvincing". TR is soon to set out its profits and dividend forecast for the current year.



Value adding move: Michael Darby, chairman (left), and David Boddy, the finance director yesterday preparing for the group's listing on the USM market (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Darby heads for USM début

By Alexandra Jackson

Darby Group, the manufacturer and distributor of specialist glass products, is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market through a placing of 3.9 million shares at 115p.

This values the company at £16.8 million and raises £2.7 million of new money, net of expenses.

Darby adds value to its basic raw material, float glass, producing tempered or safety glass although its range includes insulating glass units and door and window systems.

Funds raised through the placing are expected to strengthen the group's capital base and enable it to add to its manufacturing capacity for tempered glass. Acquisitions, as well as organic growth, will be part of future strategy.

The shares being placed represent 27 per cent of the enlarged equity. On a pre-tax profit forecast of £1.9 million for the year to March 3, and earnings per share of 9.63p, the shares stand on a p/e ratio of 11.9 times at the placing price. The yield at the placing price is forecast to be 3.7 per cent. Dealings are expected to start on November 7.

Darby had pre-tax profits of £1.2 million in the year to end February on sales of £7 million.

SelecTV to make £1.6m rights issue

By Martin Waller

SelecTV, the cable TV company which has been losing money for six years, is raising £1.64 million by means of a rights issue, as part of its reverse takeover by Witzend Productions, the producer of *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet* and other popular TV series.

Mr Michael Buckley and Mr Allan McKeown, the joint owners of Witzend, are receiving 15 million new SelecTV shares for their company and taking up their rights, giving them 39 per cent of the merged company.

Mr Buckley, at one time the chairman of Benlox Holdings and Tranwood Group, becomes chairman. Mr McKeown, the TV producer, becomes chief executive in charge of production and development.

After the call, Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Holdings and Maxwell Communication Corporation, which have long held a stake of SelecTV, will have 20 per cent.

The call proceeds will go to funding the development of a film library, which will take advantage of forthcoming changes in broadcasting.

The merged company will benefit from the forthcoming requirement that a minimum of 25 per cent of British broadcasting should be made by independent companies.

Brierley eases way for UK investment

By Graham Searjeant

Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand financier, has called off a putative merger of Brierley Investments (BIL), his New Zealand master company, and its Australian offshoot, Industrial Equity (IEL).

But the group has devised a simpler method of increasing its efforts to invest in Britain and the United States.

IEL will sell to BIL its 51 per cent stake in Hong Kong Industrial Equity Pacific, the third strategic group company, which was set up as Sir Ron's international arm and is 80 per cent owned by various group companies. BIL itself will now own 70 per cent.

IEP owns the group's stakes in Ocean Transport, English China Clays, William Low, Ultramar, Mount Charlotte and Mowlem, and its majority holding in Tozer Kemsley.

Sir Ron now intends to concentrate on developing IEP with the bigger direct financial resources and liquidity of BIL, which has sold several holdings in the past nine months.

The price of HK$14.60 (£1.05) per IEP share was nearly 50 per cent above the market price, valuing IEP at Aus$2.5 billion (£1.15 billion). Sir Ron will take temporary leave as chairman of IEL, which will now expand its Australian interests.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A peculiar ally for Elders

Scottish & Newcastle has made itself a powerful enemy. Paul Theakston, still bitter at the treatment he received when, after a chain of takeover bids, the company ended up owning his family brewery, has, I hear, come out in favour of the Elders bid. Once chairman and managing director of Theakston's, the North Yorkshire brewery founded by his great-great-grandfather in 1827, Paul sold out to Matthew Brown in 1984, after a High Court battle, and then Scottish & Newcastle bought Brown. "I don't have any sympathy for them," he says contemptuously. "All the phrases they are coming out with are the same as Matthew Brown used and which S&N derided. When S&N took over Matthew Brown it had just acquired about 50 per cent of Langdale, the timeshare company, and S&N argued that what Matthew Brown was doing — diversifying — was irresponsible. Yet now S&N has just acquired Pontins, which is a mirror image of the Matthew Brown situation." Paul, aged 43, stayed on at Theakston's head office in Masham until this April, when S&N effectively demoted him, claiming it wanted its own man at the helm. "I didn't want to become a big company executive at the whim of someone in Edinburgh. So I left." As an S&N shareholder, Theakston received the Elders offer document last week. "I hope Elders succeed," he says.

A pragmatic approach

Feeling just a little bit bored after his trial six-month "retirement," Michael Prag, once the senior partner of Simon & Coates, the stockbroker, and head of equities at Chase Manhattan Securities — which bought Simon & Coates in 1986 — until May this year, has landed a full-time job on the other side of the fence. As of yesterday he has become an investor relations consultant to TI Group, the industrial conglomerate, and is based at its offices in London's Curzon Street. Prag, aged 52, had been with Coates for 29 years. "For two of those years I was with Chase but it wasn't for me so I left. I thought I might put together two or three directorships but in the end decided that that wouldn't give me enough to get my teeth into," he says.

Bear view

From the first Tuesday in 1989, *Izvestia*, the Soviet government newspaper, plans to publish a weekly two-page supplement, exclusively for advertisements for Western goods. Initially, the advertising copy — which will be handled by the West German company Burda Moden — will appear in the Moscow edition (circulation 450,000) and in the 50,000 copies of *Izvestia* sent abroad each day. Since these supplements will enjoy a monopoly in the USSR, Igor Golembiovski, *Izvestia's* executive editor, says that a full page will cost $50,000. All the advertisements must also "confirm with our principles and norms — ethically, politically, morally and legally." To ensure Soviet citizens are not exposed to too much Western consumerism the *Izvestia* editorial board reserves the right to make "corrections".

". . . On the other hand. . ."

● The sense of urgency shown by the police in tracking down and prosecuting car tax dodgers is, it seems, not shared by the DVLC in Swansea. On the envelopes containing renewal reminders is boldly printed: "If undelivered, please do not return to sender."

Heading for Arrow

Life on the board of Tony Berry's Blue Arrow is not always easy. But its latest recruit should be no stranger to the world of political infighting. John Sharkey, who is joining to run all Blue Arrow's British operations with the exception of the Manpower chain, was previously managing director of Saatchi & Saatchi. During his two year stint there he headed the team which claims to have re-elected the Tories. According to the amiable Berry, his company and the ad agency have long had a "close professional relationship" — the Saatchis handle most of Blue Arrow's advertising. But in reality the links run a little deeper. The non-executive director who spotted Sharkey was, I hear, none other than Norman Tebbit, who was Tory Party chairman at the time of the said election. Sharkey, the City will be reassured to learn, is not just an arty ad man. He spent two years teaching mathematics, which had been his chosen subject at university.

Letter head

To be sure, to be sure . . . An amused Colin Edy, an accountant with Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroker, based in Holborn Viaduct, has received a letter from a client in Eire. It was addressed to Colin Edyedy Esq, Messers Capel-Keogh Mahers, 65 Holborn, Viaduff, London. "Who are they calling duff?" queried a spokesman for the firm.

Carol Leonard

How TV Kestrel flew for S&N

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs Correspondent

Television viewers impressed by the speed with which Scottish & Newcastle devised an advertisement for its Kestrel lager, comparing it favourably with a non-existent Australian brew, may be even more surprised to learn how the Scottish company was able to be so quick.

For the advertisement was made and first shown four years ago — long before Elders IXL, the Australian Foster's lager manufacturer, had made its hostile £1.6 billion bid.

Devised by Collet Dickenson Pearce, one of Britain's leading creative agencies, the commercial shows a Australian beer drinker, complete with corked hat, sitting on a verandah in the outback, supping a beer called Kangabrew. The arrival of S&N's Kestrel moves him to comment that, despite its foreign origins, it makes the indigenous drink taste like sheep dip.

S&N has been particularly smart in re-using the advertisement, which now carries a line reminding viewers that Kestrel is an S&N brand, because the Takeover Panel usually takes a strict view over "knocking" advertising allowed during a bid. This time it agreed it could be re-used.

Mr Alick Rankin, S&N's chief executive, has written to the group's publicans, saying the board believes its brands would be emasculated by Elders "Fosterization" philosophy.

He urged them to resist the bid by writing to their local MP, or to the Office of Fair Trading, asking for the bid to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Kelt Energy has 6.24% Carless stake

Kelt Energy, which has launched a hostile £210 million bid for Carless, the much larger independent oil company, has added 250,000 shares to its stake, buying in the market at 110p. This takes its holding to 11.2 million shares or 6.24 per cent.

Kelt, which is offering 115p a share for Carless, is planning to bring out its formal offer document in the next day or so with a 21-day period to the first closing date.

Meanwhile, WI Carr, the broker, has published a circular arguing that Kelt's bid undervalues Carless.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Never mind spending, worry about sterling

The contrast between the Chancellor's buoyant tone and the worrying projections in yesterday's autumn statement did not go down well in the City.

On the face of it, the gilt-edged market, at least, should have been cheered by the evidence that public spending is under the firmest control, for that is what the November ritual is supposed to be all about. This year's net spending is running below the Budget forecast and next year's budgeted spending has been kept in line with the previously planned total without resort to the Star Chamber. Most observers had written in at least an extra £3 billion.

Yet gilt-edged, though marginally up on the day, reacted negatively to the Commons news. Long gilt futures, in particular, surrendered all their earlier cheerful gains after Nigel Lawson resumed his seat. There were few worries in the markets about public spending or the fiscal balance, so good news on that front had already been devalued by years of success.

The Chancellor's forecast that growth of 4.5 per cent this year (against the Budget forecast of 3 per cent) will only shade to 3 per cent next year is substantially above most City forecasts, even allowing for the statistical momentum created by this summer's mini-boom.

That will certainly provide no balm for today's worries about inflation, trade and sterling. Mr Lawson prepared the way for his forecasts of inflation and the trade gap in his Mansion House speech. The projection of inflation still rising next spring from a base above 6 per cent now looks no more than realistic, rather than conservative.

On the trade front, the prospect of demand growth, outside the consumer sector, remaining fairly buoyant should not be seen in isolation. Other leading economies are growing much faster than expected even a few months ago. Yesterday, for instance, West German economics minister Martin Bangemann told a Japanese audience that the West German economy should grow by 4 per cent in 1988.

Even so, as Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew points out, Mr Lawson seems to be relying heavily on a strong pound rather than net exports to provide even a modest cut in Britain's yawning trade gap next year.

Relying on the terms of trade means Mr Lawson is committing himself to a strong pound, a hostage to fortune when Britain's inflation will be much higher than that in Germany, the United States or Japan. It also leaves British economic management vulnerable to the unpredictable currency squalls that may follow the US presidential election.

Interest rates are the residual in this equation. The Chancellor will not be anxious to raise them further, if he can avoid it. But the autumn statement makes it more likely than ever that, regardless of month-to-month fluctuations, high interest rates are here to stay.

Shopping for better news

Little joy in the Chancellor's statement for the retail sector in particular, which is already one of the poorest of the poor performers in the London market. From the last quarter of 1985 the stores sector has been in relentless relative decline, enlivened only by the occasional bout of speculative activity. In the share prices of most of the industry leaders, shares such as Dixons, Burton Group, Storehouse and even Woolworth Holdings, there is no trace at all of the "credit boom" which has been worrying both the Government and consumer groups. Some are just a few pence from their post crash lows, few are anywhere near their highs.

Retail analysts have been predicting a downturn in retail trade for most of this year, but growth has in fact been strong with retail sales by value rattling along at 10 per cent above last year. But the High Street is set to bear the brunt of the slowdown in economic growth forecast by Mr Lawson, while the continuing high level of interest rates implied but unstated by the Chancellor will drive home the message to would-be buyers that they should perhaps think twice before running riot with expensive storecard credit.

Consumers are already feeling the pinch. Personal sector debt, all of which is at floating interest rates, now exceeds equivalent assets by £16 billion, the combined result of the consumer boom and high levels of mortgage borrowing. This compares with 1980, when the personal sector had a net asset position of £30 billion.

Much of the consumer spending has been stimulated by the frantic activity in the housing market, either among people actually moving house or by people who "feel rich" because the value of their homes have appreciated so fast. That stimulus, too, is rapidly on the wane as the impact of mortgage rate increases is felt on the monthly budget. And the income tax cuts which we were supposed to save rather than spend have been spent several times over.

The imminent slowdown in consumer spending may be masked by what happens over Christmas. Compared with last year, when spending was reduced by the so-called wealth-effect in the aftermath of the stock market crash, the figures will look good. But it is likely to prove to be only temporary respite before the decline sets in in the new year.

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1	First Nat Finance	Banks,Discount	
2	Vaux Group	Breweries	
3	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
4	Caradon	Building,Roads	
5	Aaronson	Industrials A-D	
6	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
7	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
8	Mayborn	Industrials L-R	
9	Slough Estates (aa)	Property	
10	FKB	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	Sheraton Secs	Property	
12	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
13	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
14	Mountleigh	Property	
15	Delta	Industrials A-D	
16	Vosper Thornycroft	Industrials S-Z	
17	Trusthouse Fi (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
18	Walker Greenbank	Industrials S-Z	
19	FR Group	Motors,Aircraft	
20	Nu-Swift Inds	Industrials L-R	
21	TV-AM	Leisure	
22	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
23	Howden	Industrials E-K	
24	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
25	Crystalate	Electricals	
26	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
27	Avis Europe	Industrials A-D	
28	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
29	Ultramar (aa)	Oil,Gas	
30	Black Arrow	Industrials A-D	
31	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
32	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
33	SEET	Textiles	
34	Grainger	Property	
35	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
36	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
37	Office Elect Mach	Industrials L-R	
38	Lloyds (aa)	Banks,Discount	
39	Glynwed (aa)	Industrials E-K	
40	Savoy Hotels 'A'	Hotels,Caterers	
41	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
42	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
43	Elec Data Process	Electricals	
44	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
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1988 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
102¾	99¾	Treas	11½% 1989	99¾		11.5	11.810
102¼	99	Treas	10½% 1989	99¾	.	10.5	11.586
102	98⅞	Exch	10% 1989	98¾		10.1	11.515
104½	94¾	Exch	10½% 1989	100⅜	●	10.2	10.133
103½	94⅝	Exch	11% 1989	99¾	.	11.0	11.238
97⅝	92¾	Treas	5% 1986-89	96⅛	..	5.2	9.458
101¼	94	Treas C	9½% 1989	98¾	..	9.5	11.418
97¾	95¼	Treas	3% 1989	97⅛	● ..	3.09	8.790
102¾	95⅛	Treas	8% 1990	99¾	..	8.04	8.347
107½	102⅝	Treas	13% 1990	102¾	-⅛	12.6	10.512
104¾	100	Exch	11% 1990	100½	-⅛	10.9	10.452
107¼	102	Exch	12½% 1990	102¾	-⅛	12.1	10.533
93½	89¾	Treas	3% 1990	92⅛	● ..	3.25	8.573
99¾	95⅛	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	97	-⅛	8.4	10.121
103¾	93¾	Treas	10% 1990	99⅛	-⅛	10.0	10.355
91¼	87¼	Exch	2½% 1990	89¾	● ..	2.80	8.329
105¾	98¾	Treas C	10% 1991	100½	.	9.9	9.571
107¼	101¾	Treas	11¾% 1991	102½	..	11.4	10.353
95½	87½	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	92	..	6.2	9.460
107¾	95¾	Exch	11% 1991	102	..	10.7	10.191
90¾	85¾	Treas	3% 1991	88	● ..	3.40	8.340
98½	92½	Treas	8% 1991	94¾	..	8.4	10.195
113¾	105¾	Treas	12¾% 1992	107¾	..	11.8	10.040
104¾	96¾	Treas	10% 1992	99¾	..	10.0	10.065
108¾	95¾	Treas C	10½% 1992	101⅛	● ..	10.3	10.048
86⅛	82⅛	Treas	3% 1992	84	..	3.56	8.183
98¾	89½	Treas	8% 1992	94	..	8.5	10.064
112¾	104¾	Exch	12¾% 1992	108¾	..	11.4	10.048
117¾	108⅛	Exch	13½% 1992	110¾	..	..	10.050
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
97¾	91¼	Treas	8¾% 1993	94	-⅛	8.7	9.978
105⅝	93¾	Treas	10% 1993	100¾	..	9.9	9.863
115⅛	107⅝	Treas	12½% 1993	109¾	.	11.4	9.923
93	87⅝	Fund	6% 1993	88½	..	6.78	8.958
121¾	107⅝	Treas	13¾% 1993	114⅞	●-⅛	11.9	9.981
101½	91¾	Treas	8½% 1994	94¾	.	9.0	9.931
94⅛	92⅛	Treas	8½% 1994 a	94¾	.	..	..
125¾	115⅝	Treas	14½% 1994	118¾	-⅛	12.2	9.893
116⅝	107⅛	Exch	12½% 1994	110⅜		11.2	10.012
120¾	105	Exch	13½% 1994	114⅛		11.8	10.032
101⅛	91⅛	Treas	9% 1994	96¾	●	9.3	9.734
105½	98	Treas	10% 1994	100⅝	.	9.93	9.840
114⅛	105⅛	Treas	12% 1995	109¾	..	10.9	9.973
83½	78⅛	Gas	3% 1990-95	81½	●+⅛	3.6	6.517
106¾	98⅛	Exch	10¼% 1995	101¼	.	10.0	9.861
120¾	107⅛	Treas	12¾% 1995	114¾	● .	11.1	9.871
126⅛	118⅝	Treas	14% 1996	120⅛	..	11.6	9.975
101½	93¾	Treas	9% 1992-96	97	..	9.2	9.569
133¾	117⅛	Treas	15¼% 1996	127⅛	● .	11.9	9.949
123¾	110⅝	Exch	13¼% 1996	117⅝	● .	11.2	9.841
105⅝	95½	Conv	10% 1996	101⅞	● ..	9.8	9.757
124¼	115	Treas	13¼% 1997	118⅛	..	11.1	9.818
108⅛	97½	Exch	10½% 1997	104¾	-⅛	10.0	9.748
98½	91¼	Treas	8¾% 1997	95¾	..	9.1	9.560
134¾	118⅛	Exch	15% 1997	128¾	..	11.8	9.887
87⅛	79¾	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	84⅛	● ..	8.01	9.297
104	96⅛	Exch	9¾% 1998	100¾	..	9.7	9.702
140¾	124¾	Treas	15½% 1998	134¾	-⅛	11.4	9.899
118¾	107	Exch	12% 1998	114	● ..	10.5	9.779
103¾	95⅛	Treas	9½% 1999	99¾	..	9.5	9.499
120⅛	111½	Exch	12¼% 1999	115⅝	..	10.5	9.774
109⅛	99⅛	Treas	10½% 1999	105¾	● ..	9.9	9.670
107½	98	Conv	10¼% 1999	103⅛	●-⅛	9.8	9.661
100¾	88¾	Treas	8½% 2000	93¾	-⅛	9.0	9.447
126⅛	117¾	Treas	13% 2000	122	-⅛	10.6	9.790
99⅛	92⅛	Conv	9% 2000	98⅛	-⅛	9.2	9.457
108½	98⅛	Treas	10% 2001	103¾	..	9.6	9.545
104¾	97¾	Conv	9¾% 2001	101¾	..	9.5	9.511
129⅝	116⅝	Treas	14% 1998 .	124¾	●-⅛	11.2	9.941
99¾	91¼	Exch	9% 2002	97	● .	9.27	9.386
107	94¾	Conv	10% 2002	104	..	9.62	9.476
118⅛	109⅛	Exch	12% 1999 .	113⅞	-⅛	10.5	9.798
105¾	97⅛	Treas	9¾% 2002	102¾	..	9.5	9.459
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
108	100⅛	Treas	10% 2003	105		9.5	9.378
131¾	122⅛	Treas	13¾% 2000 .	126⅝		10.8	9.848
117⅛	108⅝	Treas	11½% 2001	113¾		10.1	9.831
108	100¾	Treas	10% 2004	105¾	●	9.4	9.311
59⅝	54⅛	Fund	3½% 1999 .	59¾		5.89	8.125
104¾	93¾	Conv	9½% 2004	102⅛	.	9.2	9.217
104⅛	93¾	Conv	9½% 2005	102⅞		9.2	9.192
113½	105½	Exch	10½% 2005	111⅛		9.45	9.202
127⅝	116⅛	Treas	12½% 2003 .	124⅛	●	10.0	9.444
92	82⅛	Treas	8% 2002 .	90⅝	.	8.84	9.088
108⅛	99⅛	Conv	9¾% 2006	105¾	● .	9.2	9.151
121¾	112⅝	Treas	11¾% 2003 .	118	..	9.9	9.431
97	89⅝	Treas	8½% 2007	95⅝	.	8.88	8.981
137¾	127¾	Treas	13½% 2004	133¾	.	10.1	9.367
101½	91¾	Treas	9% 2008	100½	..	8.9	8.955
92⅝	85	Treas	8% 2009	91½	..	8.7	8.918
101⅛	92⅛	Conv	9% 2011	101⅝	+⅛	8.8	8.875
68⅛	62⅛	Treas	5½% 2008-12	68¾	..	8.04	8.658
89⅛	82⅛	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	89¾	..	8.71	8.838
131¾	121⅛	Exch	12% 2013-17	131⅛	+⅛	9.1	8.910
UNDATED							
44⅝	41	Consols	4%	44⅝	.	8.9	—
40⅛	37⅛	War Ln	3½%	40¾	● .	8.6	—
62⅛	48¾	Conv	3½%	62⅛	..	5.6	—
33⅛	30⅛	Treas	3%	32¾	..	9.1	—
28½	26⅛	Consols	2½%	28	..	8.9	—
28¾	26	Treas	2½%	28	..	8.9	—
INDEX-LINKED							
124⅛	117⅛	Treas IL	2% 1990	124⅛	-⅛		
105⅛	99	Treas IL	2% 1992	106⅛			
96¾	92⅛	Treas IL	2% 1994	96⅛	●		
141⅛	127⅛	Treas IL	2% 1996	141¾			
120⅜	103⅛	Treas IL	2½% 2001	120⅝	+⅛		
117⅝	101⅛	Treas IL	2½% 2003	117¾	●+⅛		
120⅛	110	Treas IL	2% 2006	120	+⅛		
112¾	95⅛	Treas IL	2½% 2009	112⅝	●+⅛		
117¾	99⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2011	117	+⅛		
97⅝	82⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2013	97⅛	+⅛		
105⅝	88⅛	Treas IL	2½% 2016	105⅛	+⅛		
103¼	87⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2020	103	+⅛		
88⅛	73	Treas IL	2½% 2024	88⅝	+⅛		

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	189	Allied Irish	244	247	+3	..	.	
212	155	Anglo Leasing	190	197	..	4.7	2.4	10.2
90	64	Ansbacher (Henry)	81	84	+1	2.7	3.3	35.5
258	124	Aus New Z	252	256		.		.
10⅝	5⅛	Banamerica	10⅝	-				
274	184	Bank of Ireland	244	248	+3			
18½	16	Bank Leumi Israel	17	20				
350	348	Bank Leumi UK	340	360		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
329	334	Bank Of Scotland	358	382	●	17.6	[illegible]	8.3
65	45	Bank Of Wales	58	65	● .	3.7	6.0	8.9
463	302	Barclays (aa)	408	411	-2	27.9	6.8	20.2
38	28	Benchmark	28	29	●-1	2.2	7.9	16.0
435	339	Brown Shipley	343	353	-2	14.0	4.0	13.0
77	45	Bus Mortgage	54	64	..			
394	318	Cater Allen	345	355	.	30.0	8.6	12.0
71	54	Cattles	63	65	..	3.7	5.8	12.0
270	175	Chancery	232	242	+12	8.0	3.4	13.9
18½	11¾	Chase Manhattan	16⅝	-	● ..	..	..	..
15⅞	9⅞	Citicorp	14⅛	-	● ..			
200	162	Close Bros	182	192	-1	6.7	3.6	17.6
81⅛	68⅞	Commerzbank	79⅝	-	-⅛	.	.	.
176	114⅝	Deutsche Bank	172⅞	-	-¼			
38	24	Equity & Gen	33	36	.	1.9	5.4	10.5
270	194	First Nat Finance	233	237	+4	12.3	5.2	7.6
74	49	GPG	52	53	+½	3.5	6.7	8.8
340	265	Gerrard Nat	280	283	●+4	6.0	2.1	15.5
178	90	Guinness Mahon	128	128	..			
285	217	Hambros	258	262	+2	12.0	4.6	10.6
52	42	HK Shanghai	43	46		3.3	7.3	.
510	413	Joseph (Leopold)	500	515	-2	17.8	3.5	21.1
198	135	King & Shaxson	133	138	-2	12.3	9.0	13.7
407	327	Kleinwort Benson	355	358	●+2	18.7	5.2	8.7
342½	238	Lloyds (aa)	339	342	+2	18.8	5.5	..
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	44	47	.	2.5	5.4	11.9
448	370	Midland (aa)	412	415	+2	28.0	6.8	..
354	236	Morgan Grenfell	323	327	●+9	14.5	4.5	30.4
331	146	Nat Aust Bk	302	306	-1	.	.	.
605	522	Nat West (aa)	538	541	-2	33.7	6.2	9.5
369	308	Provident	332	337	●+1	23.3	7.0	9.4
111	30	Rea Bros	70	75	..	0.3	0.4	..
182	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	160	163	..	10.7	6.6	8.5
380	297	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	354	358	-1	17.9	5.0	6.9
10	850	Schroders	875	925	..	22.0	2.4	11.3
526	372	Stand Chart (aa)	490	493	r ..	46.7	9.5	..
118½	98	TSB (aa)	107	109	+½	6.6	6.1	7.2
595	493	Union Disc	505	515	..	38.4	7.5	11.5
365	278	Warburg SG	320	325	+3	15.3	4.7	8.6
133	95	Do 6% 'A'	110	113	+2	8.0	7.1	..
40½	23	Wells Fargo	38⅝	-	-¼	..	..	..
458	443	Wintrust	445	460	..	9.3	2.1	16.7

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
499	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	476	479	..	17.3	3.8	14.3
867	734	Bass (aa)	803	808	..	28.9	3.7	12.1
65	44	Belhaven	50	52	● ..	1.0	2.0	19.9
175	127	Boddington	167	170	●+1	5.4	3.2	17.5
207	129	Buckleys	145	155	..	0.9	0.6	..
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	158	165	-2	8.7	5.4	18.6
191	120	Burtonwood Brew	185	195	+4	4.2	2.2	23.6
390	332	Clark (Matthew)	380	390	..	14.7	3.8	10.6
371	292	Devenish (JA)	313	320	..	4.0	1.3	27.9
290	176	Greenall Whitley	273	277	-8	8.3	3.0	15.7
494	433	Greene King	450	457	..	9.9	2.2	20.1
767	271	Guinness (aa)	338	341	●-2	12.9	3.8	11.2
785	690	Hardys & Hansons	785	805	..	30.0	3.8	14.8
130	76	Highland Dist	120	124	..	3.8	3.1	19.1
415	168	Invergordon Dist	400	405	-4	8.3	2.1	24.4
440	125	Irish Dist	408	412	+1	..	..	..
167	110	Marston Thompson	163	167	..	3.9	2.4	18.5
863	484	Morland	630	675	+8	10.9	1.7	25.8
388	250	SA Breweries	245	265	..	..	..	..
411	205	Scot & New (aa)	400	402	-1	12.2	3.0	19.8
721	479	Vaux Group	690	697	+2	21.6b	3.1	21.2
317	298	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	300	302	..	14.1	4.7	11.2
700	324	Do 'B'	608	700	..	14.1	2.2	24.2
418	288	Whitbread Inv	412	419	+5	12.3	3.0	44.2
434	351	Wolverhampton & D	430	437	+2	8.2	1.9	18.5
530	345	Young 'A'	500	530	..	12.3	2.4	29.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	217	Abbey	221	231	..		..	8.8
400	315	Amec	349	352	+1	19.3	3.5	10.0
457	331	Anglia Sec	393	408	r -4	3.4	0.8	24.5
54	38	Anglo Utd	42	45	+2	1.3	3.0	21.1
208	90	Arncliffe	147	162	..	5.3	3.4	9.8
325	247	Atwoods	322	325	-1	9.3	2.9	15.9
310	238	BPB Ind (aa)	272	274	+5	11.3	4.1	9.4
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	300	310	+5	5.0	1.6	21.5
86	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	82	85	● ..	2.9	3.5	6.5
216	159	Barratt Devs	183	185	●-1	14.9	8.1	7.8
272	181	Bellway	243	247		10.7	4.4	11.8
113	83	Bellwinch	91	96	●-1	5.0	5.3	7.6
304	258	Berkeley Gp	271	277	-1	4.7	1.7	10.4
122	83	Bett Bros	102	112	..	4.8	4.5	24.7
400	320	Blockleys	345	395	..	9.7	2.6	20.1
474	408	Blue Circle (aa)	449	451	●-2	21.3	4.7	10.7
398	318	Boot (Henry)	380	395	●+5½	20.0	5.2	9.2
235	84	Breedon PLC	115	125	..	4.8	3.8	32.2
170	110	Br Dredging	135	143	● ..	6.9	5.0	30.3
157	117	Bryant	130	133	●+1	5.7	4.3	8.3
166	112	CALA	140	145	● ..	3.7	2.6	9.9
144	110	CRH	130	135	-2	..	..	..
155	104	Calebread Robey	125	135	..	5.1	3.9	22.5
358	258	Caradon	345	352	+3	10.7	3.1	13.0
140	97	Church Charles	103	108	+1	1.3	1.2	11.6
398	195	Conder Gp	392	402	● ..	8.7	2.2	13.6
225	112	Copson PLC	210	217	+5	4.0	1.9	26.6
338	259	Costain	324	327	+1	14.0	4.3	13.4
317	203	Countryside	259	268	+1	3.0	1.1	12.9
231	178	Crest Nicholson	208	211	+1	8.3	4.0	10.8
138	73	Crosby James	117	122	..	2.7	2.3	8.5
313	229	Douglas (RM)	307	310		5.7b	1.8	15.4
41	23	Edmond Hldgs	35½	37½	●+½	1.5	4.1	17.2
111	78	Erith	103	108	●	4.4	4.2	14.3
309	175	Federated Hsg	280	285	●	7.7	2.7	18.3
98	75	Finlan Gp	77	82	●	8.0	7.5	11.4
76	60	Galliford	69	71	●	4.3	6.1	12.0
285	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	260	270		3.5	1.3	34.8
585	385	Gleeson (MJ)	535	555	.	9.3	1.7	13.0
265	205	Hamson Ind	260	270	..	9.1	3.4	12.5
128	91	Hewden-Stuart	119	121	●+½	2.9	2.4	12.3
320	259	Heywood Williams	280	283	+1	13.3	4.7	10.3
380	291	Higgs & Hill	355	363	● ..	13.3	3.7	11.2
90	67	How Gp	75	80	● ..	3.5	4.5	9.9
69	52	Howard Hldgs	53	58	..	1.7	3.1	9.2
302	141	Ibstock Johnsen	175	178	● ..	6.0	3.4	11.5
183	86½	Jarvis (J) & Sons	160	165	+1	..	..	..
356	270	Laing (J)	305	308	-1	10.7	3.5	9.1
179	111	Lawrence (Walter)	145	147	..	7.3	5.0	8.2
58	38	Lilley (FJC)	53	54	..	..	..	62.2
260	195	Lovell (YJ)	215	218	..	7.0	3.2	10.7
262	186	Magnet (aa)	216	218	+2	9.2	4.2	12.9
214	147	Manders	208	212	● .	7.8	3.8	23.4
180	128	Marley	173	175	● .	7.3	4.2	12.4
263	223	Marshalls (Halifax)	240	245	..	9.7	4.0	11.9
133	79	Maunders (J)	105	110	● ..	4.2	3.9	8.5
509	298	McAlpine (Alfred)	327	335	+3	21.5	6.5	6.7
497	368	McCarthy & S	401	406	..	5.7	1.4	12.2
429	341	Meyer Int	406	409	+5	12.7	3.1	10.9
240	58	Miller (Stanley)	217	222	● .	2.0	0.9	..
436	347	Mowlem (John)	385	388	● .	23.7	6.1	10.1
108	78	NSM	77	80	r ..	..	..	..
17⅞	10⅝	Newarthill	17¼	18⅛	..	18.7	1.1	44.5
185	166	Newman Tonks	177	180	+1	10.5	5.9	13.0
184	109	Persimmon	165	170	+1	6.0	3.6	13.5
128	87	Phoenix Timber	98	102	..	3.3	3.3	12.5
835	715	Pochins	820	850	● ..	25.3	3.0	6.7
194	172	Prowting	187	190	+1	..	..	..
507	423	RMC Gp (aa)	505	509	●+4	16.1	3.2	12.0
111	82	Raine Ind	93	98	+2	2.7	2.8	19.3
450	385	Redland (aa)	432	434	●-1	17.1	3.9	10.1
285	125	Ruberoid	267	271	-1	5.9	2.2	19.5
148	111	Rugby Group	142	143	●-1½	6.2	4.4	12.8
300	215	Sandell Perkins	282	292	●+2	7.2	2.5	13.7
312	173	Sharpe & Fisher	290	300	● ..	5.3	1.8	19.7
153	111	Smart (J)	128	133	..	7.2	5.5	18.6
352	278	Steetley	343	346	●+1	13.3	3.9	12.3
264	212	Tarmac (aa)	245	247	●-1	10.3	4.2	11.8
636	351	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	609	612	+2	14.7	2.4	22.6
403	233	Tilbury Group	357	357	..	12.8	3.5	11.8
593	309	Travis & Arnold	450	470	● ..	8.7	1.9	18.9
189	93	Trent	184	192	+2	2.0	1.1	27.8
340	189	Tunnel	295	300	..	12.1	4.1	13.5
165	111	Vibroplant	154	159	..	3.3	2.1	12.0
192	135	Ward Group	183	193	● ..	6.1	3.2	14.9
181	118	Ward Hldgs	138	137	+1	3.2	2.4	8.5
335	261	Watts Blake	330	340	● ..	8.5	2.6	15.8
260	202	Westbury	240	243	+3	7.3	3.0	9.9
282	151	Wiggins	253	258	-4	8.7	3.4	11.8
260	143	Wilson Bowden	253	257	● ..	6.5	2.5	14.2
205	158	Wilson (Connolly)	164	168	..	3.3	2.0	12.8
365	279	Wimpey G (aa)	267	269	-5	10.3	3.8	11.2
129	114	YRM	112	120	..	4.0	3.4	11.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	127	129	-½	3.1	2.4	14.3
677	441	Amersham	557	561	..	13.3	2.4	18.0
159	126	BTP	129	136	-1	8.3	6.2	14.1
99⅛	79⅝	Bayer DM50	105⅞	..	-⅞	.	..	..
201	149	Blagden	185	190	+3	10.5	5.6	13.9
185	118	Brent Chems	129	131	● .	7.1b	5.5	11.8
243	169	Canning (W)	231	235	● ..	7.3	3.1	11.9
343	265	Coalite	330	333	+6	13.1	3.9	10.7
358	296	Coates Bros	300	310	-1	10.5	3.4	9.9
213	173	Croda	189	190	●+2	12.5	6.6	12.5
184	139	Ellis & Everard	159	162	+1	7.5	4.7	11.8
34	21	European Colour	24½	26	● ..	1.2	4.7	27.7
192	152	Evode	185	188	+1	6.2	3.3	15.6
275	205	Fosroc	261	263	●+5	15.1	5.8	11.7
255	225	Halstead (James)	242	247	● ..	11.0	4.5	8.9
251	136	Hickson	223	228	..	8.3	3.7	14.6
99⅛	78⅞	Hoechst DM50	95⅛	-	-1			
11⅞	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	10⅝	10⅞	..	57.3	5.5	8.9
439	350	Laporte (aa)	396	397	●-4	16.8	4.2	12.3
257	157	Leigh	230	233	-½	7.5	3.2	19.1
9⅛	5⅞	Norsk Hydro	8⅞	-	..	..	..	..
183	131	Plysu	168	173	..	3.1	1.8	18.5
295	295	Reabrook Hldgs	270	320	..	5.8	2.0	26.3
221	173	Rentokil	218	220	●+2	4.7	2.1	19.3
171	100	Sutcliffe Speakman	104	109	r ..	2.7	2.5	12.7
545	270	Wolstenholme Rink	385	410	● ..	16.3	4.1	12.6
275	213	Yorkshire Chem	253	255	+1	10.7	4.2	11.2
141	106	Yule Catto	119	124	+2	4.5	3.7	14.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
403	337	Alexon	352	355	..	18.7	3.8	11.1
78	21	Amber Day	51	52½	-½	..	..	..
94	83	Aquascutum 'A'	76	78	..	4.0	5.2	14.1
136	100	Ashley (Laura)	112	115	.	3.1	2.7	16.3
385	330	Austin Reed	360	380	● .	11.3	3.1	20.6
183	118	Beattie (James) 'A'	160	163	● .	5.5	3.4	15.9
202	149	Bentalls	174	177	● ..	4.3	2.4	28.1
24½	12¼	Blacks Leis	13	13½		0.1	0.8	16.4
643	230	Body Shop	610	620	+11	2.4	0.4	65.4
90	61	Bremner	67	72	+2	..	..	..
54	33	Brown & Jackson	42	43½	● ..	0.1	0.2	32.3
350	197	Brown (N)	205	215	..	6.7	3.2	13.3
264	185	Burton (aa)	207	209	+½	10.1	4.9	10.4
148	83	Campari 'A'	110	115	●-2	3.0	2.7	10.4
93	60	Casket plc	76	80	●+2	4.0	5.1	9.2
478	415	Church	430	450	..	15.3	3.5	12.7
387	165	Coats Viyella (aa)	179	181	-½	12.0	6.7	6.2
242	145	Courts Furnishers	208	217	s -1	6.4	3.0	20.4
590	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	575	605	+15	12.5	2.1	12.5
54	40	Dewhirst (IJ)	42	44	●	1.3	3.0	9.6
217	141	Dixons Grp (aa)	148	150	+1	5.7	3.8	8.2
235	154	Dunhill	225	232	-3	3.8	1.6	17.3
97	38	ERA Gp	61	65	●+1	3.3	5.2	9.2
740	655	Elys (Wimbledon)	700	750	●+1	16.0	2.2	18.8
282	204	Empire Stores	225	229	..	7.0	3.1	28.3
296	191	Etam	215	218	..	8.2	3.8	11.1
257	204	Fine Art Dev	244	246	-1	9.1	3.7	14.6
345	270	Forminster	315	335	-5	10.8	3.3	9.3
76	50	Gent SR	70	72	●-1	2.0	2.8	13.0
238	168	Goldberg (A)	226	230	..	7.3	3.2	20.1
17⅞	15½	GUS	16⅝	17	●+⅛	38.0b	2.3	18.9
11½	898	Do 'A' (aa)	10½	10⅝	●+½	38.0	3.6	10.7
48	31	Helene Plc	31½	32½	..	2.2	6.9	10.2
272	165	Hogg Robinson plc	180	183	-3	6.0	3.3	15.4
69	57	Hollas	59	61	..	3.9	6.5	11.0
212	145	House Of Lerose	163	173	●+3	12.9	7.7	17.0
72	50	Leslie Wise Gp	68	71	-1	3.7	5.3	12.1
11⅞	10⅞	Liberty	11⅜	11⅞	● ..	14.1	1.2	24.2
190	150	Marks Spencer (aa)	172	174	+2½	6.8	3.9	14.2
388	279	Menzies (John)	298	305	-1	7.6	2.5	9.9
281	190	Moss Bros	240	255	●+6	3.9	1.6	30.3
238	163½	Next (aa)	178	180	●-½	9.9	5.5	8.6
565	340	Oliver (G)	500	550	..	17.2	3.3	18.0
135	92	Pentos	97	100	+1	1.9	1.9	11.2
274	188½	Ratners Group	198	201	●+1	7.2	3.6	9.1
98	65	S & U Stores	70	77	● ..	5.3	7.2	7.4
145	114	Sears (aa)	130	132	● ..	6.3	4.8	13.9
337	242	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	272	275	+3	12.0	4.4	11.1
325	200	Sock Shop	285	295	..	..	..	52.2
150	92	Stead & Simpson 'A'	123	127	+1	6.1	4.9	17.3
290	179	Storehouse (aa)	186	188	..	11.7	6.3	10.2
182	130	T & S Stores	150	160	●-5	3.1	2.0	16.3
297	200	Tibbett & Britten	280	290	..	6.5	2.3	23.7
151	79	Tie Rack	92	97	●+½	1.8	1.9	18.9
245	153	Time Products	220	222	-½	7.1	3.2	12.1
148	77	Underwoods	87	92	●+1	3.3	3.7	28.5
181	78	Vivat	82	88	+1	3.6	4.3	14.3
341	245	Ward White	280	282	+1	12.2	4.3	9.3
285	200	Wickes	217	225	+1	1.8	0.8	20.2
238	160	Wilding Office	225	235	r -5	5.3	2.3	20.2
307	232	Woolworth (aa)	252	256	● .	12.4	4.9	10.3

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
474	340	AB Elect	458	467	●-2	20.0	4.3	10.7
111	70	ABB Kent	86	88	.	4.0	4.5	22.3
173	87	Admiral Comp	130	135	..	3.0	2.3	18.6
145	88	Alba	128	133	●+3	5.8	4.4	12.1
321	208	Alphameric	243	253	..	4.7	1.9	11.9
234½	113	Amstrad (aa)	204	206	●+1	1.9	0.9	10.8
138	94	Apricot Computers	122	125	.	2.7	2.2	12.1
170	100	Arlen	108	115	.	4.0b	3.6	9.1
144	77	Audio Fidelity	120	127	● .	2.0	1.6	7.7
283	215½	Auto Sec	269	273	●-1	3.1	1.1	16.9
66	35	Beacon Gp	48	52	.	0.7	1.4	..
44	31	Bennett & Fountain	31	33	r .	1.3	4.1	10.6
403	302	BICC (aa)	377	381	● ..	18.3	4.8	17.4
104	62	BSR	70	71	●+2½	3.1	4.4	18.3
208	133	[illegible]	202	209	+2	6.1	3.0	14.9
122	65	Borland	103	108	+1	..	..	..
192	145	Bowthorpe	168	172	●+4½	4.7b	2.8	13.0
218	165	Britannia Security	185	189	●-1	3.0	1.6	13.1
260	193	Br Telecom (aa)	249	250	+4	12.7	5.1	10.8
27	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	21	23	+1	0.3	1.4	12.7
409	312	Cable Wireless (aa)	404	407	+5	8.9	2.2	20.4
282	193	Cambridge Elec	234	239	●+5	11.7	4.9	11.7
67	32	Cambridge Instr	55	58	..	1.0	1.8	10.8
67	47	Chloride	59	60	+4½	2.7	4.5	27.7
243	200	Cray Elect	208	210	●-2	4.4	2.1	20.0
183	142	Crystalate	163	167	+2	7.8	4.7	7.9
100	50	DDT Group	93	103	-2	1.8	1.8	33.1
114	75	Dale Elec	108	112	+1	5.7	5.2	13.2
348	210	Domino	213	223	+1	4.3	2.0	18.9
64	53	Dowding & Mills	61	63	● ..	2.7	4.4	12.1

TOBACCOS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
463	399	BAT (aa)	466	468	●-3	24.0	5.1	9.6
150	125	Carroll	137	147				
495	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	470	472	-3	13.3	2.8	19.2

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free . . . No significant data.

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WALL STREET

Dow edges up in mixed, early trade

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares turned mixed in early trading yesterday with the blue chips recovering small losses.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.93 to 2,155.58 at one stage when the transport indicator showed a gain of 4.82 to 931.54.

The broad market remained lower and quiet ahead of Friday's jobs report and the presidential election next Tuesday, brokers said. They said the gain in certain issues was mostly technical.

Declining issues held a moderate lead over advancing shares.

Scars, Roebuck was active, down ⅜ at 41⅜ after a fall of 1⅞ on Monday.

- **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index firmed 31.13 points, or 0.11 per cent, to close at 28,013.67, adding to its 21.53-point gain on Monday. Share prices drifted in moderate trade throughout yesterday, but ended higher for the seventh consecutive session.
- **Sydney** — Australian shares closed easier after a slow day. The All Ordinaries index ended 2.3 points down at 1,584.6 while the All Industrials index fell 3.4 points to 2,611.3.
- **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed lower in sluggish trading with the Hang Seng index closing 11.98 points lower at 2,615.43.

	Oct 31	Oct 28		Oct 31	Oct 28		Oct 31	Oct 28
AMR Cp	49%	48%	Fedders	10%	10%	Pennzoil	73%	73
ASA	38	37%	Fst Chicago	31%	33	Pepsico	41%	40%
Aetna Life	50%	50	Fst Int Bncp	49	49	Pfizer	57%	57%
Allied Signal	34%	34%	Fst Penn C	12%	12%	Phelps Dod	47%	47%
Allis Chlm	½	½	FT Wachva	38%	39%	Philip Mor	95%	94%
Alcoa	55%	56%	Ford Motor	51½	52%	Philip Ptl	20%	19%
Amax Inc	22%	22%	GAF Cp	49%	48%	Pillsbury	59%	59%
AMR Hess	28%	28%	GTE Cp	43%	43%	Polaroid	38%	37%
Am Brands	55%	55%	Gen Cp	20%	20%	Primerica	29	29
Am Cynmd	50%	50%	Gn Dynam	53%	52%	Proct Gble	82%	82%
Am Ele Pwr	28	27%	Gen Electric	43%	43%	Pub S E G	24%	24%
Amexs	27%	27%	Gen Inst	23%	23%	R Nabisco	84	85
Am Family	13%	13%	Gen Mills	53%	53%	Raytheon	72%	72%
Am Home	82%	82%	Gen Motors	83%	84%	Rynlds Metl	55	56%
Am Int Grp	66%	66%	Gen Pub Ut	37%	37%	Rockwell Int	21%	21
Am Telph	28%	27%	Genesco	5%	5%	Royal Dutch	112%	112%
Amoco Cp	74%	74%	Georgia Pac	35%	35%	SFE Sopac	18	18%
Anheuser B	32%	31%	Gillette	36	35%	Sara Lee	47%	48%
Arch Dan	21%	21%	Goodrich	53%	54	Schlumb	33%	33%
Armco Steel	10%	10%	Goodyear	51%	51%	Scott Paper	38%	38%
Asarco Inc	26%	26%	Gould Inc	22%	22%	Seagram	59%	60%
Ashland Oil	35%	35%	Grace Co	27%	26%	Sears Roeb	41%	43%
Atl Richfld	79%	79%	Grt Atl Pac	48%	48%	Sec Pac	39%	39%
Avon Prod	22%	22%	Greyhnd	31%	32	Shell Trans	69%	69%
Bk Boston	24%	25%	Gruman	23%	22%	Smith Beck	45%	46
Bank NY	35%	35%	Gulf Westn	41%	40	Sony Cp	47%	48%
Bankamer	18%	18%	Heinz	46%	46%	SW Bell	41%	41%
Bkrs Tst NY	38%	38%	Hercules	45%	45%	Squibb	67%	68%
Baxter	18%	18%	Hewlett Pk	50%	49%	Sun Comp	53%	54
Beth Steel	22	21%	Honeywell	62%	63%	TDK	62%	61%
Boeing	64%	64%	IC Ind	35%	35%	TRW Inc	44	44
Boise Casc	42%	42%	ITT Cp	51%	51%	Teledyne	338%	333%
Borden	57	57	INCO	26%	26%	Tenneco	50%	50%
Bristl Meyr	44%	44%	Ing Rand Wl	33	33%	Texaco	46%	45
BP	52	52%	Inland Steel	39%	40	Tex Eastn	28%	29
Brunswick	18%	17%	IBM	122%	120%	Texas Inst	38%	38%
Burl Nth	72%	72%	Int Paper	45%	45%	Tex Util	29	29%
CBS	175	174	Irving Bk	75%	75%	Textron	24%	24%
CMS Engy	25%	25%	Jhns & Jhns	87	87	Travelers	36	35%
CPC Int	53%	54	K Mart	37%	37%	UAL Cp	96%	96%
CSX Cp	30%	29%	Kaisertech	n.a	19%	USG Cp	6%	6%
Camp Soup	32%	32%	Kerr McGee	39%	39%	USX Cp	27%	27%
Can Pacific	17%	17%	Kimbrly Clrk	59	59%	Unilever Plc	34%	34%
Caterpiller	61%	62%	Kraft	103%	98%	Un Carbide	25%	25%
Centrl SW	31%	31%	Kroger	n.a	57%	Un Pac Cp	63%	63%
Champion	32%	32%	LTV Cp	2%	2%	Unisys Cp	27%	28%
Chase Man	29	29	Litton	73%	74	Unit Brand	19%	19%
Chem Bank	31%	32	Lockheed	43%	43%	Us West	57%	57%
Chevron	46%	46%	Lone Star	30%	31%	Utd Tech	41%	41%
Chrysler	26%	27	Man H'nver	28%	28%	Unocal	38%	38%
Citicorp	25%	25%	Manville	2	2	Warn Lamb	74%	75%
Clark Eq	31%	31%	Mapco	56%	56%	Wells Far	68%	69%
Coca Cola	43%	42%	Marriott	30%	30%	Westg El	52%	53%
Colgate	46%	46	Mt Marrieta	44%	44	Weyershr	24%	24%
Columb Gas	34%	34%	Masco Cp	26%	26%	Whirlpool	26%	26%
Cmb'tn Eng	28%	28%	Mcdonalds	47%	47%	Woolworth	53%	54
Cmwlth Edi	32%	32%	McDonnell	76%	75%	Xerox Cp	59%	58%
Cons Edis	46	45%	Mead Cp	44%	44%	Zenith	19%	19%
Consol Ng	38%	39%	Merck	57%	57%			
Cont Data	19%	19%	Minsta Mng	60%	61%	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	67%	67%	Mobil	44%	44%			
Crane	23%	23%	Monsanto	78%	77%	Agnico Eag	13%	13%
Curtiss W	49%	49%	Montedison	15%	15%	Alcan Alum	37%	38%
Data Genl	18%	18%	Morgan Jp	35%	36%	Algoma Stl	n.a	n.a
Deere Co	47%	48%	Motorola	38%	38%	Can Pacific	21	21%
Delta Airl	50%	50	NCR	56%	56%	Cominco	21%	22
Detroit Edi	16%	16%	NL Indstrs	5%	5%	Con Bathrst	15%	15%
Digital Eq	96	94%	Nat Md Ent	23	23	Hawk S Can	21%	21%
Disney	66%	66%	Nat Semi	9%	9%	Hud Bay M	20%	21
Dow Chem	89%	90%	Norfolk Sth	30%	30%	Imasco	27%	27%
Dresser Ind	27%	27%	NW Bancrp	32%	32%	Imperial Oil	50%	50%
Dupont	81	81	Occid Pet	26%	26%	Inco	35	34%
Duke Pwr	47%	46%	Ogden Cp	30%	30%	Royl Trstco	17%	17%
East Kodak	48%	47%	Olin Cp	47%	47%	Seagram	72%	73%
Eaton Cp	52%	52	PPG Ind	42%	41%	Shelco 'A'	42%	42%
Emerson El	30%	30%	Pac Enterp	38%	39	Thmsn N 'A'	29%	29%
Emery Air	4%	4%	Pac Gas El	17%	17%	Varity Cp	3.45	3.45
Exxon	44%	44%	Pan Am	2%	2%	WCL	16%	16%
Farah Inc	10%	10	Penney JC	54%	54%	Weston	36%	36%

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 24	Novemebr 4	January 26	February 6

Call options were taken out on: 1/11/88 Trusthouse Forte, A & M Group, Chloride, Mowat, Lloyds Chemicals, Wembley, Hughes Foods, Vivat, TV AM, British Gas, Williams Holdings, Pentland, Hanson, Mount Charlotte, Mucklow, W A Holdings, Sumrie, Firstland Oil & Gas, Standard Chartered, G Wimpey, Trafford Park.
Puts: Guinness Mahon, Firstland Oil & Gas, Corton Beach.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	420	70	83	–	7	13	–
(*478)	460	42	56	67	17	26	35
	500	22	36	48	40	46	55
Bass	750	70	85	105	13	18	25
(*808)	800	33	55	75	32	37	47
	850	14	32	50	65	67	75
Brit Air	140	29	34	–	1½	3%	–
(*167)	160	15	20	25	7	10	14
	180	5	10	14	20	20	26
Brit Com	220	33	38	43	5	8	9
(*245)	240	18	26	32	11	15	20
	260	8	14	22	23	25	32
Brit Gas	140	31	32	38	1	2	3
(*157)	160	13	15	19	3	5%	7
	180	3%	5%	8%	15	16%	18%
BP	220	31	33	38	2%	5%	6%
(*244)	240	15%	17%	23	6	13	15
	260	6	8%	14	18%	25	27
Cons Gold	1100	158	200	–	40	67	–
(*1190)	1150	125	175	200	55	83	100
	1200	100	140	180	75	100	135
Courtauld	280	30	39	44	9	12	18
(*298)	300	18	27	32	17	20	28
	330	7%	14	20	37	39	44
Com Union	330	25	31	37	14	24	29
(*333)	360	11	16	24	33	42	46
	390	5	9	–	58	66	–
C & W	360	57	65	–	6	10	–
(*404)	390	35	45	55	13	18	28
	420	17	25	42	27	35	43
GEC	140	43	45	–	1	2	–
(*178)	160	24	27	32	2%	4	7%
	180	9	13%	19	10	13	15
GKN	300	43	50	54	3	10	13
(*333)	330	21	29	36	12	21	24
	360	11	14	22	30	41	43
Grand Met	420	45	50	61	6%	12%	18
(*450)	454	24	30	–	18	28	–
	483	8	15	–	45	64	–
	542	2	6%	–	94	98	–
ICI	950	125	134	–	7	21	–
(*1045)	1000	82	95	–	16	38	–
	1050	50	64	–	35	60	–
	1100	28	40	67	65	90	95
Jaguar	240	37	43	52	7	13	17
(*263)	260	24	33	40	15	23	30
	280	15	22	30	28	36	44
	300	8%	14	–	42	50	–
Land Sec	500	103	116	–	2%	5	–
(*594)	550	58	73	82	7	12	18
	600	24	40	50	28	30	38
M & S	140	36	39	–	2	3	–
(*173)	160	17	23	28	4	6	8
	180	6	10	14	13%	18	19
R-Royce	120	20	25	–	2	4	–
(*135)	130	13	19	21	5	8	10
	140	6%	11	15	9%	13	15
STC	260	34	41	–	6	8	–
(*284)	280	20	27	36	11	18	19
	300	10	16	24	22	27	29
Sainsbury	180	35	41	43	1½	3	4
(*211)	200	19	25	30	6	8	11
	220	9	14	19	17	18	21
Shell	950	63	83	95	17	43	47
(*979)	1000	35	53	70	43	70	73
	1050	18	33	48	77	102	105
Storehse	180	17	23	28	8	12	14
(*187)	200	8	14	18	19	21	24
	220	4	9	13	36	38	40
Trafalgar	280	38	40	–	4	7	–
(*314)	300	20	26	30	10	16	19
	330	7	13	18	30	32	38
TSB	90	20	21	–	1	2	–
(*108)	100	11½	12%	–	2	3%	–
	110	4%	7	8%	6	7%	8%
Utd Bisc	280	35	46	53	10	14	18
(*305)	300	23	33	42	19	23	28
	330	13	22	29	37	40	46
Ultramar	235	28	35	–	11	17	–
(*245)	255	15	23	–	18	25	–
	275	9%	17%	–	35	38	–
Woolworth	240	23	28	35	5	8	12
(*254)	260	11	17	25	13	17	20
	280	6	10	14	28	32	35

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	200	14	23	31	8	12	15
(*205)	220	5%	14	22	20	23	25
	240	2	8	–	38	39	–
Barclays	360	57	–	–	1%	–	–
(*410)	395	26	–	–	6	–	–
	429	7	–	–	23	–	–
Beecham	420	52	65	77	2%	8	13%
(*470)	460	21	38	48	13%	20	28%
	500	6	19	30	39	42%	49
Boots	200	28%	37%	43	3	6	9
(*228)	220	14	25	32	8%	12	16
	240	5%	14	22	21	22	24
BTR	260	45	56	–	1	3	–
(*301)	280	28	39	41	3	6%	10
	300	14	26	27	11	14	18
Blue Circ	390	70	82	–	2	5	–
(*450)	420	42	58	62	4	10	17
	460	15	32	38	18	24	34
	500	5	16	21	48	48	60
Dixons	140	16	21	28	4	6	9
(*149)	160	4	10	15	15	16	18
	180	2	5	–	32	33	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Glaxo	1050	75	118	–	18	37	–
(*1120)	1100	44	87	114	38	57	68
	1150	23	63	88	66	83	98
	1200	11	44	67	107	115	123
Hanson	130	21%	22%	–	1	2%	–
(*150)	140	12%	15	17	2%	4%	5%
	160	2	5	7	14%	15%	16
Hawker	500	67	87	98	3	9	13
(*563)	550	30	50	60	20	25	30
	600	9	22	33	47	50	55
Hillsdown	260	14	25	31	3%	8	12
(*268)	280	4	13	20	14%	18	22
	300	½	7	–	33	35	–
Lonrho	360	42	55	65	12	28	33
(*367)	390	26	41	51	30	44	51
	420	16	30	40	49	65	70
Midland	390	32	43	50	4	12	18
(*414)	420	13	24	32	16	28	33
	460	4	10	17	48	58	60
Sears	120	15%	23	27	2%	6%	8
(*131)	130	10	17	21	6%	10%	12%
	140	8	13	18	12%	15	18
Tesco	130	14	19	22	3	5	7
(*138)	140	8	13	16	7	9	12
	160	2%	6	8	23	24	25
Thorn EMI	600	82	95	110	4	10	12
(*672)	650	37	55	72	8	20	28
	700	13	30	42	38	45	53
THF	240	36	41	50	3%	11	15
(*269)	260	22	30	39	10	19%	24
	280	11%	21	29	20	31	34
Unilever	420	75	87	93	1%	4	7
(*489)	460	36	53	63	6	11	18
	500	14	28	39	22	28	36
Wellcome	460	32	53	65	10	20	26
(*479)	500	12	33	44	30	42	47
	550	3%	14	26	75	77	78

	Series	Nov	Jan	Mar	Nov	Jan	Mar
Enterprise	600	27	45	63	40	50	57
(*582)	650	9	26	42	77	83	90
	700	4	15	28	125	127	130
RMC	360	37	42	–	4	11	–
(*392)	390	16	26	–	12	22	–
	420	8	18	–	38	45	–

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	265	22	–	–	1%	–	–
(*284)	280	8%	19	27	4%	11	14
	300	2	8%	17	19	22	23
Brit Aero	420	78	92	102	1%	4	8
(*494)	460	40	59	70	3	11	21
	500	10	34	45	15	28	38
	550	1%	15	23	58	60	70
BAT Ind	420	51	66	72	1%	5%	11
(*487)	460	17	35	43	7%	17	26
	500	3	17	23	35	38	48
Brit Tele	220	31	37	41	1	3	4
(*250)	240	12	20	26	2	7	9
	260	1%	10	15	12	17	19
Cadbury	360	24	45	53	7	18	26
(*374)	390	9	29	38	23	35	41
	420	4	17	26	47	55	58
Guinness	300	43	54	60	2	4	7
(*340)	330	16	30	36	4	10	15
	360	3	15	19	22	26	30
Ladbroke	390	69	80	–	1	2%	–
(*456)	420	39	55	63	1%	7	10
	460	10	28	35	14	22	24
LASMO	500	25	52	67	16	30	43
(*504)	550	7	32	43	52	60	67
	600	2%	17	27	100	103	106
Pilkington	200	35	39	44	2	4	6
(*231)	220	16	22	30	2	8	12
	240	5	13	20	12	18	21
Plessey	140	36	39	43	1	2	3
(*174)	160	18	21	27	2	6	8
	180	4	11	15	10	16	19
P & O	500	80	97	105	2	5	10
(*577)	550	35	55	63	4	12	25
	600	6	24	33	28	35	47
Prudential	160	2	8	11	8	12	16
(*154)	170	½	–	–	18	–	–
	180	½	6	5	28	29	30
Racal	300	6	19	29	16	25	30
(*289)	330	2	9	19	43	48	52
	360	½	5	11	73	74	75
RTZ	390	55	70	85	2	8	11
(*438)	420	26	50	62	5	15	22
	460	8	25	38	26	35	40
Vaal Reefs	60	7%	14	16	1%	3%	7
(*$67)	70	3	8	9	5	8	10
	80	1	3%	6	11	16	17
Tr 12%	106	–	3%	–	–	½	–
1995	110	–	13/16	–	[illegible]	1%	–
(*108)	112	1/16	¼	–	2%	–	–
	114	1/16	1/16	–	–	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1858)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1700	167	176	180	190	2	5	11	17
1750	120	128	137	150	5	10	18	25
1800	75	88	98	112	10	18	26	37
1850	38	52	65	80	22	33	45	55
1900	13	27	40	62	52	60	75	80
1950	4	12	23	38	95	97	107	113
2000	1	–	–	–	144	–	–	–

November 1, 1988 Total: 27225 Calls 17200 Puts [illegible] FT-SE: Calls 2237 Puts 3101
*Underlying security price.

STOCK MARKET

Statement leaves City disillusioned

Dealers and investors hoping that the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, would have something new to say about the economy in his autumn statement were left sadly disillusioned.

His short 20-minute speech had nothing new to offer them and their reaction was predictably muted. Most analysts said they would take the opportunity to study the statement in more detail later today but any hopes that it would provide the market with a further boost have been dashed.

Trusthouse Forte rose 7p to 271p helped by talk of a presentation to Scottish fund managers arranged by Phillips & Drew, the broker. Talk of a bid for the group has been rife, with analysts claiming that a revaluation of its property assets could mean an offer of up to £7 a share.

Trading almost ground to a halt ahead of the speech and there was little sign of revival in its wake.

The FT-SE 100 share index, up 6.1 points when the Chancellor rose to speak, finished the session 5.4 better at 1,857.8. The narrower FT index of 30 shares closed 6.0 up at 1,507.7 with a total of 471.4 million shares traded on the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system.

Government securities finished £⅛ higher.

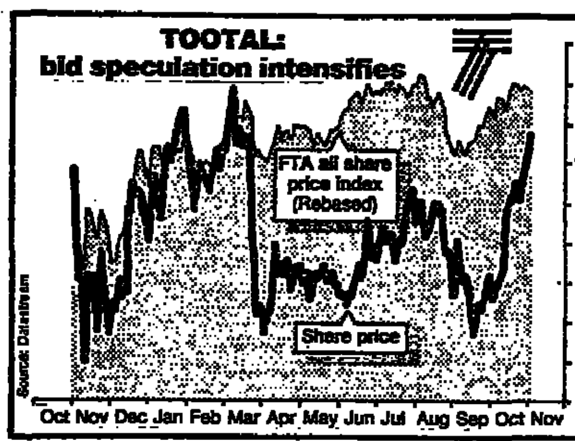
GEC, the electronics group, was again chased 4p higher to 179p — for a two-day rise of 9p — by talk of a possible management buyout.

Much of the buying of GEC stemmed from the US. Several New York broking houses, including Salomon Brothers, were bidders of stock. However, the story is being treated with some scepticism by most brokers.

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance house which is the target of an unwanted £2.9 billion Minorco bid that has been referred to the Monopolies Commission, jumped 14p to £11.90, after £11.98, ahead of this morning's annual meeting.

In line with past practice, Mr Rudolph Agnew, the ConsGold chairman, will undoubtedly have some good news up his sleeve, possibly including the go-ahead for a new gold mine in the US where its exploration company has already achieved a number of successes.

Tootal, the international textile company which supplies Marks and Spencer, attracted renewed support and closed 4.5p higher at 119p as takeover speculation intensified.



Back in 1985, Tootal fought off a hostile bid of 75p a share from Entrad, the Australian group. In the past few weeks there has been talk that the group's independence is again about to be threatened, prompting the rise in the shares from about the 96p level.

Cazenove, the broker, is reported to have been an aggressive buyer and the market expects an announcement or even a dawn raid on Tootal soon.

DMC, the French group, was being tipped as the most likely predator, but rival textile groups, Courtaulds and Coats Viyella and even Coloroll, have all been mentioned as possible bidders.

Meanwhile, **Marks and Spencer** moved up 2p to 172.5p in anticipation of today's interim figures.

Dealers are hoping that M&S will come up with the goods and help inject new life into the rest of the sector. Analysts' forecasts of pre-tax profit range between £185 million and £198 million, compared with £171.7 million.

The County NatWest WoodMac retail team, which has been scathing in its criticism of the store leaders, is pitching its estimate at the low figure of £185 million.

BPB Industries, Britain's only domestic manufacturer of plasterboard, which has been overshadowed recently by European competition worries, jumped 11p to 279p, after 281p, amid revived takeover speculation.

Good buying of the shares was accompanied by vague talk that **RTZ**, long expected to make a big acquisition in the building materials sector, is running the slide rule over the company.

Earlier this year the market thought BPB Industries might be limbering up for a takeover of Marley. Forthcoming figures from BPB should make impressive reading.

Ratcliffs (Great Bridge), the brass and copper strip maker, rose 3p to 150p. Speculators are hoping for a bid in the near future now that Bromsgrove Holdings, the engineering group, has increased its stake to more than 20 per cent.

Bromsgrove is already reckoned to have approached the Ratcliff family for its 54 per cent shareholding.

Allied Lyons, the food and drinks group, hardened 2p to 480p on the news that the company had sold its oil and gas interests for Can$277 million (£128.8 million).

The sale comes at a time when the market is wondering what plans Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, has for his 11 per cent stake if he launches a full bid for Lonrho, the international trading group headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, in which he has amassed a 20 per cent stake over the past couple of months, making himself Lonrho's biggest shareholder.

Analysts had been expecting Mr Bond to launch a bid for Allied Lyons after increasing his shareholding to 11 per cent. But they are coming to the conclusion that his sights are set on Lonrho.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, advanced 8p afresh to 324p. Dealers are convinced that Mr Bond has lined up a buyer for his 9 per cent stake in the group. Willis Faber, the Lloyds Broker, is also thought to be a seller of its near-21 per cent stake and the market now feels that the long-awaited takeover of MG could be just around the corner.

Yale and Valor, the security locks and heating group, rallied 11p to 354p. Investors take the view that the shares have been oversold and recent fund-raising stories are wide of the mark.

A tome on food manufacturers lands on fund managers' desks today. Written by analyst Mr David Shaw, of CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, it favours Hazlewood, Hillsdown, United Biscuits and Unilever. Less favoured are Bernard Matthews and Unigate.

Benlox, which last year launched a bid for Storehouse, the BHS and Habitat Mothercare retailer, held steady at 51p. Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian financier, now owns a total of 4.88 million shares, or 11.38 per cent of the equity, following the group's recent rights issue. Benlox finished unchanged at 51p.

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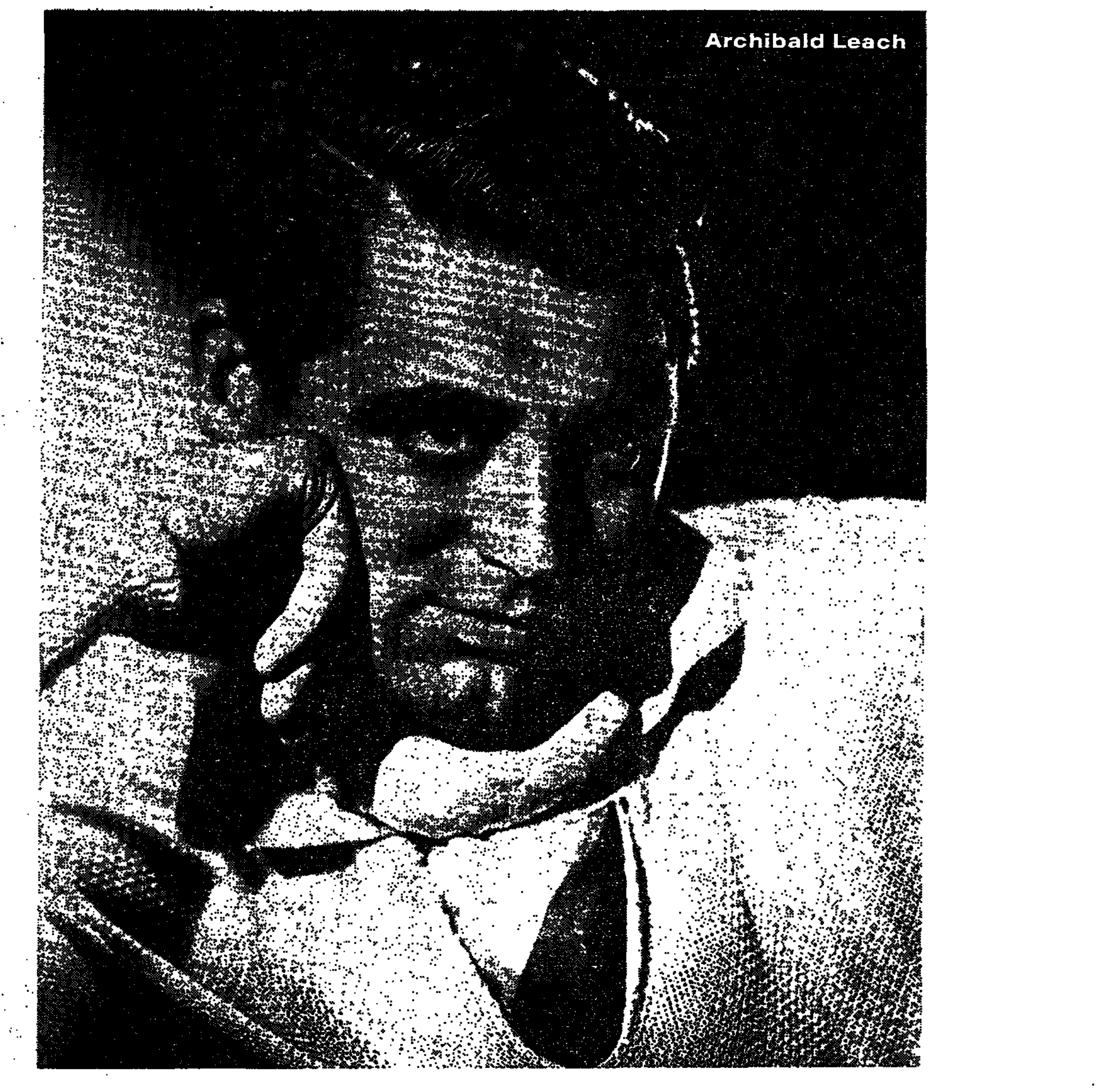

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	115.0	122.0	..	8.20
Hi Inc Equity	122.7	130.5●	+0.2	4.56
Worldwide Bd	190.0	201.4●	-1.1	4.62
American Gth	148.0	157.4	-0.5	1.20
Asian Pacific	65.59	71.33	-1.84	1.51
Assets & Earns	145.3	154.5●	-1.2	1.18
Capital Res	62.38	82.51	+0.05	3.64
Comm Energy	87.66	93.76	-2.17	1.13
Euro Capital	74.71	79.91	-0.82	0.94
General	161.1	171.3	+0.1	2.83
Japan	90.09	96.36●	-0.78	0.00
UK Gth Inc	124.2	132.1●	+0.2	1.78
Do Acc	185.1	196.9●	+0.3	1.18
US Emerg Co	42.45	45.15●+0.02		0.00
Income Gth	266.1	283.0●	-4.7	3.35
Master Acc	72.18	77.20	-1.18	2.09
American Inc	43.72	46.50	+0.21	5.89
Ethical Tst	44.61	47.66	+0.11	2.82
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 Salisbury House 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6801 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
American	40.33	42.90	+0.21	2.11
Australian	23.87	25.40	+0.13	1.36
Euro Tst	47.89	50.78	..	0.00
Extra Inc	38.91	41.30	-0.01	5.32
Fund Invest	100.6	106.8●	..	1.00
Do Acc	152.4	161.8●	..	1.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.80	24.26	+0.02	9.85
Global Income	35.47	37.73●	-0.02	5.11
Income Growth	67.06	71.34	+0.01	4.22
Japan Gen	163.0	173.4	+0.4	0.07
N Amer Inc	25.52	27.08●+0.10		3.84
Special Sits	64.56	68.68●+0.09		1.27
UK Growth	32.15	34.17●	-0.03	2.71
World Gth	39.73	42.17●	-0.05	1.13
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	114.4	122.7	+0.2	0.89
Exempt	407.1	428.4●	+0.2	4.48
Far Eastern	217.8	232.7	+1.3	0.00
Fin & Prop	79.79	84.52	+0.26	2.52
Hi Yield	81.04	85.84●+0.38		4.45
Income & Gth	325.3	344.8●	+1.3	4.17
Intl Earnings	185.7	196.9●	+0.8	2.85
Intl Gth Inc	82.82	88.30●+0.01		0.25
Japan Gth Acc	154.9	165.4	+0.5	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	115.2	123.8	+1.0	2.60
Preference Inc	128.9	136.6●	..	8.91
Sml Co Div Inc	98.39	104.2	+0.40	4.23
Sml Co Gth	304.1	322.2	-0.3	1.49
Spec Sits Inc	132.0	138.8	+0.9	1.50
UK Growth	383.3	406.0	+2.3	3.23
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Income	294.6	313.7	+1.0	4.97
Equity Inc	171.6	182.7	-1.0	4.62
High Yield	173.8	185.0●	-0.2	5.39
Balanced	422.5	449.9	-0.3	3.16
Amer Inc	28.08	29.90	+0.08	4.38
World Ass Val	28.34	30.18	+0.05	0.86
Japan	141.1	150.2	+1.0	0.01
Sec of Amer	179.5	191.1	-0.7	0.88
Asset Value	334.7	356.4	..	3.34
O'seas Earn	216.7	230.7	-0.4	3.09
Recovery	100.6	107.1●	-0.1	2.83
UK Spec Sits	260.8	277.7	+1.1	3.01
Smlr Co	167.0	177.8	+0.3	1.98
Capital	250.2	266.4●	-0.1	2.84
Amer Spec Sit	62.21	66.25●	-0.07	1.78
International	92.17	98.16	+0.39	1.01
Growth & Inc	151.9	161.7●	-0.2	3.64
Euro Gth	18.99	20.22	-0.08	1.24
Pacific	217.9	232.0	+1.5	0.30
2nd Smlr Co	183.4	195.3	-0.2	2.11
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capital	81.24	86.66	..	3.25
Euro Gth Inc	67.27	71.75	..	1.07
Extra Income	95.25	101.6●	..	4.93

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	63	ASB Barrett	95	105	+4	..	..	..
38	18	Aberdeen Pet	15	18	..	..	..	..
44	13	Amercorn	11	14	..	..	..	..
86	56	Andaman Res	56	59	+2	..	..	..
105	57	Beckenham	95	100	-2	2.3	2.3	26.8
230	152	Broadcast	183	191	+3	..	..	22.0
145	105	Chelsea Art	100	110	..	1.0	1.0	12.5
63	26	Chemex Intl	57	62	..	..	..	..
105	65	Comac	65	75	..	..	..	7.9
160	120	Crown Eye	140	150	..	..	..	16.7
15	5½	Eglinton	6	7½	..	..	..	..
143	72	Far E Res	70	77	+2	..	..	..
90	76	Halden	78	83	..	..	..	13.5
41	20	Honorlath	27	29	r ..	..	..	27.7
31	13	Intl Comms	14	17	..	..	..	..
56	41	Kemp (PE)	43	48	+1	2.0	4.3	8.6
96	58	LEW	93	98	..	..	..	20.4
103	66	Leading Ldr	100	103	..	1.7	1.7	20.8
65	12	Lynx Tech	10	14	..	..	..	4.0
147	89	Medrace	97	102	-1	..	..	..
38	9½	Norton Gp	8½	10	r -½	..	..	..
50	40	Penrose Optical	38	41	-1	..	..	10.8
83	60	Rentamaster	60	62	..	..	..	..
237	150	Royal Sovereign	215	225	●+2	6.4	2.9	13.6
118	68	Seacon	97	102	-1	1.3	1.3	..
308	200	Takare	295	310	+5	1.3	0.4	42.1
135	108	UPL	108	118	..	3.8	3.4	15.1
182	120	Unit Group	140	150	r ..	6.7	4.8	8.2

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 76.5 (day's range 76.5-76.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 1

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7640-1.7700	1.7640-1.7650	0.56-0.52pr	1.52-1.47pr
Montrl	2.1604-2.1718	2.1616-2.1657	0.35-0.17pr	0.56-0.37pr
Amstrdm	3.5562-3.5657	3.5562-3.5600	2⅛-1⅞pr	6-5¾pr
Brussels	66.01-66.38	66.01-66.22	35-20pr	90-70pr
Copnhgn	12.1530-12.2015	12.1530-12.1643	4⅜-3⅞pr	12½-11½pr
Dublin	1.1765-1.1827	1.1806-1.1816	49-43pr	138-125pr
Frankft	3.1523-3.1617	3.1523-3.1558	2-1⅞pr	5¾-5⅝pr
Lisbon	258.50-260.19	258.50-259.53	5pr-40ds	10-120ds
Madrid	207.95-209.10	207.95-208.42	40-15pr	50-25pr
Milan	2341.27-2350.33	2341.27-2344.36	2pr-par	5-3pr
Oslo	11.7163-11.7634	11.7163-11.7317	par-½ds	⅜-1ds
Paris	10.7569-10.7941	10.7569-10.7683	4-3½pr	10⅞-10⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.9187-10.9457	10.9187-10.9284	1⅝-1¼pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Tokyo	221.03-222.05	221.03-221.33	1½-1⅜pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Vienna	22.19-22.28	22.22-22.26	12⅝-11⅝pr	34⅝-32½pr
Zurich	2.6504-2.6612	2.6504-2.6537	2-1⅞pr	5⅞-5⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	26.5805-26.7372
Australia dollar	2.1528-2.1567
Bahrain dinar	0.6645-0.6685
Brazil cruzado*	824.88-828.87
Cyprus pound	0.8230-0.8330
Finland marka	7.4250-7.4650
Greece drachma	259.25-261.25
Hong Kong dollar	13.8167-13.8264
India rupee	26.19-26.39
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4935-0.4975
Malaysia ringgit	4.7426-4.7472
Mexico peso	3965-4065
New Zealand dollar	2.8272-2.8334
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6050-6.6450
Singapore dollar	3.5371-3.5409
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9782-7.1233
S Africa rand (com)	4.4242-4.4321
U A E dirham	6.4675-6.5075

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4970-1.4985	Denmark	6.8780-6.8830	Italy	1326.0-1327.0
Singapore	1.9995-2.0005	W Germany	1.7850-1.7860	Belgium (Com)	37.45-37.48
Malaysia	2.6810-2.6820	Switzerland	1.5040-1.5050	Hong Kong	7.8105-7.8115
Australia	1.2177-1.2192	Netherlands	2.0150-2.0160	Portugal	147.70-148.20
Canada	1.2270-1.2280	France	6.0950-6.1000	Spain	118.05-118.15
Sweden	6.1780-6.1830	Japan	125.50-125.60	Austria	12.56-12.57
Norway	6.6320-6.6370				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 12½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12½ Low 11 Week fixed: 12
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 11¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth — 11¹¹⁄₁₆
Selling: 2 mth — 11⅝ 3 mth — 11⅝
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11⅞-11¹¹⁄₁₆
2 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝ 3 mth: 11²⁷⁄₃₂-11⅝ 6 mth 11¹¹⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₃₂
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⅛
2 mth: 12³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 12³⁄₃₂ 6 mth 11³¹⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12⅞ close 12⅞
1 week: 12-11¹⁵⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 12-11¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 12⅛-12
6 mth: 12⅛-12 9 mth: 12-11⅞ 12 mth: 11⅞-11¾
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11⅞ 7 day: 11⅞ 1 mth: 11⅞
3 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 11⅞
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12¼-12 2 mth: 12¼-12 3 mth: 12¼-12
6 mth: 12¼-12 9 mth: 12⅛-11⅞ 12 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-11⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆
3 mth: 12-11⅞ 6 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞ 12 mth 11⅝-11½
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.30-8.25
3 mth: 8.45-8.40 6 mth: 8.50-8.45 12 mth 8.60-8.55

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1988. Agreed rates Nov 26, 1988 to Dec 25, 1988. Scheme I: 13.07 per cent. Schemes II & III: 13.27 per cent. Reference rate Oct 1, 1988 to Oct 31, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 12.035 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8¼-8	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 8¼-7¾				
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	4⅞-4¾	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆
Call: 4¼-3¾				
French Franc:	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7¾	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	4-3⅞	4¹¹⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4-3⅞
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 3¼-2¾				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $411.25-411.75 Close: $411.00-411.50
High: $411.25-411.75 Low: $410.25-410.75

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $423.00-428.00 (£240.00-243.00)
Krugerrand: $410.00-413.00 (£232.50-234.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $423.00-428.00 (£240.00-243.00)
American Eagles: $423.00-428.00 (£240.00-243.00)
New Sovereigns: $96.75-97.75 (£55.00-55.75)
Old Sovereigns: $96.75-97.75 (£55.00-55.75)
Platinum: $550.75 (£311.60)
Palladium: $122.75 (£69.45)
Silver: $6.26-6.28 (£3.550-3.565)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 14178		
Dec 88	186.60	187.25	186.20	186.80	1013
Mar 89	NT	—	..	188.75	0
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 44890		
Dec 88	88.00	88.01	87.95	87.95	6628
Mar 89	88.47	88.50	88.38	88.39	2882
Jun 89	89.02	89.05	88.50	88.70	898
Sep 89	89.25	89.25	89.20	88.96	180
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 32146		
Dec 88	91.43	91.46	91.42	91.44	4663
Mar 89	91.63	91.65	91.61	91.62	2384
Jun 89	91.56	91.57	91.54	91.55	537
Sep 89	91.43	91.44	91.40	91.42	272

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 12489		
Dec 88	91-09	91-15	91-04	91-06	8910
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90-21	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 34648		
Dec 88	97-19	97-27	97-12	97-12	16751
Mar 89	98-05	98-05	98-05	97-29	70
Jun 89	NT	—	—	—	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 862		
Dec 88	107.82	107.70	107.59	107.67	185
Mar 89	NT	—	—	108.50	0
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 7131		
Dec 88	97.80	98.00	97.80	97.93	3345
Mar 89	97.30	97.37	97.27	97.35	45

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude prices weakened on renewed reports of massive over production in the Gulf. Even so, players lacked the conviction to sell the market down aggressively. US mogas still offering support. The continental holiday kept products trade subdued at weaker numbers.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	12.20	-30
15 day Nov	12.20	-30
15 day Dec	12.40	-30
WTI Dec	13.40	-30
WTI Jan	13.35	-35

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas 15	-1	182-185	-1
Gasoil EEC	-3	122-125	-2
Non 1H Nov	-2	118-119	-2
Non 1H Dec	-2	119-120	-2
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	58-59	-1
Naphtha	-1	129-131	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Nov 88 Hi 1465-1455 Low Close 1464
Dec 88 Hi 1475-1471 Low Close 1473
Jan 89 Hi 1498-1490 Low Close 1498
Apr 89 Hi 1533-1527 Low Close 1533
Vol 256 lots Open interest 3351
Dry cargo index 1378 +5 on 31/10/88

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Nov 118.75-18.50
Dec 119.50-19.25
Jan 119.50-19.25
Feb 118.75-18.50
Mar 116.50-15.00
Apr 114.00-12.00
May 114.00-10.00
Vol 6273

BRENT G W Joynson
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Mth	Open	Close
Nov	44.0	45.0
Feb	55.0	66.0
Apr	94.0	93.9
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1820.0-1822.0	1637.0-1639.0	517250	Easier
Copper Stand	1700.0-1720.0	1630.0-1640.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	385.00-386.00	384.00-385.00	57625	Brly Stdy
Zinc Hi Gde*	1495.0-1497.0	1435.0-1436.0	61075	Easier
Silver Large†	623.00-626.00	636.00-639.00	Nil	Quiet
Silver Small†	623.00-626.00	636.00-639.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1355.0-1360.0	1260.0-1270.0	102225	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	2415.0-2425.0	2270.0-2280.0	158750	Easier
Nickel*	12850-13000	11200-11250	7188	Brly Stdy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

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Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	94.8	94.5
Feb	92.5	91.8
Apr	97.3	96.0
Jun	98.8	97.5

Live Cattle Contract

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Jan	116.0	116.0
Feb	116.5	116.5

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Eng/Wal (%)	-0.5	-4.4	-9.2
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The new news is no news

OPINION

Martin Cropper

You've tinted your hair – no, don't tell me, you've cleaned the windows. Nothing is so readily assimilable as a familiar format reworked. In a week's time the trumpeted rethink of BBC1's *Nine O'Clock News* will seem just another gear-change.

The idea that the relaying of news can be susceptible to aesthetic standards is moot. Its actual brief combines the negative virtue of not missing stories which the opposition will run with that of not libelling anyone in a position to sue. If the programme's new format is in any sense "better" than the old, why was this not good enough?

One answer is that it was indeed good enough for its audience but not for its makers' bosses, who increasingly look over one shoulder at the government and over the other at the megabucks of ITN. Just as the big wheels who "manage" British Rail clutch at the straws of cosmetic design and self-advertisement, so the BBC wallows in self-justification and buzzwords. Mr Birt's own "mission to explain" may or may not come into this.

A fair whack of the budget for the new, soaraway *Nine O'Clock News* has gone on computer graphics from the same hand as Channel 4's lovable reintegrating kiddy-coloured digit. *Out* go boring old golden asteroids whizzing round the globe to reassemble as the title; *in* comes scintillating deco-lightning courtesy of RKO. The candidly naff has made way for the consciously designed; either way, you still get the tacit boast of universality and contemporaneity.

Where the design takes a mighty pratfall is in the captions for Auntie's galaxy of correspondents, which are distinguished from those for the talking heads (aka real people) only by the fact that the former ripple into place while the latter fade up. Monday night's opening story, in which Kenneth Clarke obliged with his celebrated impersonation of a pinstripe pudding, had the minister waddling towards the camera through the legend "John Harrison, *Chief Political Correspondent*". It's irrefutable that these two gentlemen are both of sufficient importance in the global scale of things to warrant equal billing, but the function of a caption is to identify the visual, not the voice-over.

Three years after introducing the two-presenter newscast, *Nine O'Clock* is back with one. Martyn Lewis *solus* is thus spared the comedy of making unheard smalltalk with his co-reader while the studio lights dim; on the other hand he will find himself hard pressed to sit on gay-rights protesters out of shot and simultaneously continue parroting the autocue.

Shoehorned into 27 minutes, 12 stories of vastly differing lengths appeared either as sound bites from a documentary trailer or as under-edited video-letters from international penfriends banging on about their hobbies.

The assumption that the rest of us are as interested in specific issues as the experts are is the newsman's albatross. More news is not better news. There is already too much of it, and its selection is by no means always determined by world events.

One thinks back fondly to the millennial week when the late lamented Reginald Bosanquet took to the wagon and an extra two minutes' worth of material had to be shovelled in nightly to fuel his newly supple tongue.

The real breakthrough will come only when a newscaster breaks off to announce: "Not a lot happened today. Meanwhile, here is a potter's wheel."

The author is a freelance writer.

Is it green for stop?

Andrew Lycett considers the threat posed to 'green' television from satellite broadcasting

In the can: the poster for the Central/TVE programme *The Acid Test*

An outspoken senior ITV executive at last year's meeting of the One World Broadcasting Trust (OWBT) was heard to rant: "We'd love to take more of your programmes, if they weren't so bloody boring." The trust's objective is simple – it was set up in 1987 on the initiative of Chris Rowley, the IBA's head of planning, to encourage British television to take Third World development issues more seriously. Each year its members meet for a day to discuss this objective and to present awards for the best film on environment and development.

British film-makers, already pre-eminent in this field, hope that Margaret Thatcher's espousal of the ecological cause will boost their business. They are worried that the advent of satellite television will affect the number of outlets for "green" programmes. That is why this month's annual meeting of the trust will be addressed by such heavyweights as Michael Grade, chief executive at Channel 4, Will Wyatt, the BBC's head of documentary features, and Stewart Purvis, deputy editor of ITN.

The film-maker Anthony Isaacs, best known for his work at Granada on the award winning series *Disappearing World*, is pessimistic. He is now director of the International Broadcasting Trust, an educational charity and independent television production company, which produced the major seven-part series *Battle for the Planet* for Channel 4. "By nature, development programmes tend to be overseas and expensive. You can't do one for much less than £100,000. It seems satellite channels will not want to spend that amount of money. Also, ITV and Channel 4 may have to move away from this type of educational programme in order to compete."

BBC and ITV have seen it as part of their mandate to tackle development and environment issues. Central Television has followed where Sir Lew Grade's ATV left off in making this type of programming an important selling point. Inspired by the success of its 1984 series *Decade of Destruction*, directed by Adrian Cowell, which dealt with the destruction of Brazilian rain forests, Central established the Television Trust for the Environment (TVE) in 1984 to act as a catalyst for development film-making. Insiders suggest there was an element of franchise conservation in this – Central was showing the IBA it could do with development what Anglia does with disappearing species through *Survival*.

The advent of TVE came with the flowering of Channel 4. Soon dozens of British documentary teams were travelling the globe making features structured by TVE, financed by Central and others, and shown; if not on Central, on Channel 4. Richard Creasey, Central's head of features, is widely credited as a moving force in the development of untapped film-making talent. Recent influential films have been *Banking on Disaster* and *Living after the Famine*, in both of which Central's stable of independent directors returned to former stamping grounds – Brazil and Ethiopia – to chart development.

There was one major problem. Though the films were well received, television companies, including the BBC, did not see development features as great money-spinners. They were left out of the *EastEnders*-dominated package when BBC Enterprises salesmen visited Kenya or Bangladesh. So, in 1987, TVE, with backing from the United Nations Environment Programme and the Panos Institute, spawned Moving Pictures. If TVE now provides seed money to a development film project, Moving Pictures automatically acquires the Third World rights. Television stations in developing countries can show the films free.

Another problem was the didactic nature of the average development film. This is acknowledged by Richard Keefe, a former teacher who heads North-South Productions, which made the £2 million *Only One Earth* series for the BBC.

One of his latest films – inevitably for Central TV – is *Yanomamo*, based on a musical about the Amazon rain forests and performed by Lancashire schoolchildren and written by two of their teachers. To give the film added entertainment value it has an introduction by the rock singer Sting.

"We're attempting to break the lecturing doom and gloom mood," Keefe says. "We are finding new ways of putting across the message of environment and development." Another of his films, about the southern spread of the Sahara, features African musicians.

Will this be enough to attract the satellite programmers? Marino di Medici, head of communications for the United Nations' International Fund for Agricultural Development, thinks so. He believes satellite channels with time to fill will be "hungry" for this type of material. WTN, the world-wide TV agency linked to ITN, already produces a bi-weekly environment and development news feature service, which *is* taken by Sky Channel. And on the horizon is a well-kept secret, the European Space Agency's Olympus satellite, due to be launched next May. Olympus's footprint covers not only the whole of Europe, but also North Africa and the Eastern seaboard of North America. An ESA spokesman promised this week that subject matter will be anything from Aids to live medical operations, and will definitely include development topics.

Central TV certainly thinks there is a market – it recently renewed its original four-year agreement to fund TVE.

Goliath backs David

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The venture capital giant 3i this week took a deep breath and sacked its advertising agency of 20 years, American-owned D.D.B. Needham, to move its £2.5 million account to Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury.

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Antoine rocks TV

The French charmer who is conquering European television. Carol Sarler reports

Gallic invader Antoine de Caunes: "I just have so many things to say"

Very rarely a new face appears on our television screens that looks born to have been there. It happened with Jools Holland and with Jonathan Ross — and it happened two weeks ago, courtesy of *entente cordiale* and the BBC.

Night owls around the country, still tuned in at around midnight on Thursday, found themselves suddenly assaulted by a young man of distinctly Gallic charm who belts out words in a French accent so strong that half of his roller-coaster verbals are totally incomprehensible.

He is Antoine de Caunes and the programme is *Rapido*, a French "rock and style" show that has had enormous impact in Europe and is now testing the British waters. The channel crossing came about because Janet Street-Porter, carrying her BBC mandate for British youth, went to France to see a Prince concert, saw *Rapido*, brought home a copy to show to Jonathan Powell (Controller of BBC1) — and between them they seized the chance to try a run of five.

A courageous decision, when you think about it. For a start, the Brits are not noted for a love of things French that aren't clothes or food. And when it comes to rock music, it is hard to imagine that a country that still has Jonn-ee 'alleeday on its juke boxes could have much to offer us.

But then, 1992 is just around the corner — and if *Rapido* makes the cult impact many believe it will, it could be just the first of many such enterprises. Producer Tim Newman (born in England, raised in France) has his eye firmly on the European future: "Television producers need sponsors and the great thing about 1992 is that the market will open for international advertising — Coke, jeans and so on will have central budgets — and sport and rock music are the easiest products for that kind of centralization."

That it looks set to succeed is firstly because it offers something that really is new to television and secondly because of the delightfully overpowering personality of de Caunes. The programme offers a heady mixture of immediacy and Big Names.

After a year on air in France, the team has built up a network of reporters around the world which means their coverage is not tied to the promotions system of waiting until someone is in Paris for a new release or a concert. On Monday mornings they meet, de Caunes says what he wants — be it from Tokyo or Los Angeles — tapes are made, flown in and edited. De Caunes records his presentation and links, and the results are on air in France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and now Britain.

The Big Names play ball because of de Caunes's persistent close links with the music business for the last 10 years. If he wants Paul McCartney, David Bowie or Tom Waits, he gets them — often where other fail. With these kind of contributors to *Rapido*, the viewers are likely, one feels, to come from the huge adult audience brought up on rock music. De Caunes is 35 himself, and "in the end it's my own evolution. I like to think you don't have to be a specialist in music to enjoy it, but if you are you will also get something from it."

It is a conscious decision, too, to combine the rock with film, trends and other matters of news and style — "and not to separate it from what's around". Overwhelmingly, however, the content of the show deals with acts British and American; acts that operate in the English language. Something that produces not a patriotic twinge in the de Caunes heart: "That's where the most important music comes from; you can complain about it but you can't argue."

As well as recording two versions a week of *Rapido*, de Caunes also hosts a nightly talk-and-sketch show that recently won him the *7 d'or* award — the French equivalent of the Emmy — as Entertainment Host of the Year . . . an award that put well out of joint the noses of the more established French television stars. If the BBC stands by him and extends its commitment beyond the initial five weeks, it would come as no surprise to see the same kind of accolade here. He's probably not to every taste, but he's not easily ignored.

And as for the impenetrable gabble, he says: "I once had a show that was 60 minutes long and now I have only 30 minutes. So I say the same things but quicker. I just have so many things to say."

● Rapido *is on BBC1 for the next three weeks at 11.55pm on Thursdays.*

Keeping a finger on the doctors' pulse

Seeing eye-to-eye across 165 years, Dr Ian Munro, who this week retires as editor of *The Lancet*, feels he has much in common with Dr Thomas Wakely, its founder.

The first issue of *The Lancet*, published on October 5, 1823, carried reports of hospital lectures by eminent surgeons and physicians. It also promised to publish "a correct description of all the important cases that may occur, whether in England or any part of the civilized Continent".

Munro has spent 36 years on *The Lancet* helping to fulfil Wakely's pledge, while extending the journal's horizons. Two thirds of its 43,000 subscribers live overseas and it receives annually more than 4,000 papers on medical research from all over the world. Only one in eight is deemed worthy of a place in its columns.

Munro has been editor for the last 12 years, during which time he has had first sight of some of the biggest advances in medicine, from the development of anti-cancer drugs and antibiotics to progress in heart transplantation, "test-tube baby" techniques, and the fight against Aids.

Some of Munro's strongest editorials in recent years have attacked inequalities of health between rich and poor, while defending the virtues of the National Health Service. "I'd like to think that Dr Wakely would have approved. He was a radical, and we have both tried to draw attention to social injustices in health," he says.

Munro, aged 60, will be succeeded by Professor Gordon Reeves, a leading immunologist, of Nottingham University.

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A second opinion on *The Lancet*: Dr Ian Munro with a bust of Thomas Wakely, its founder

BYLINES

Out of business

Thames Television is backing down from being a major shareholder in the European Business Channel. The managing director of Thames, Richard Dunn, who is also a director of EBC, offered his resignation from the board but was turned down. "EBC is the kind of venture we are interested in supporting but we have decided not to go the whole hog and become a principal investor," Dunn says.

Dunn had only attended one board meeting since the company was set up, although he was heavily involved in the initial stages. "This is not a lack of confidence on behalf of Thames," he says, "but the channel will inevitably lose money to start with and I have other things to do with Thames's money. Thames is not withdrawing its investment from the channel but as more and more money is required our shareholding will dilute."

Whose money?

Two young film-makers poised to exploit deregulation are celebrating their film début tonight on BBC2. Mark Rogers and George Tiffin, aged 26 and 24 respectively, set up Stockwell Films last year from Rogers's rented bedroom in South London. They sold *The Last Vacation*, a film about the decline of an American seaside resort, within a month of its completion. The pair, who directed and photographed the 45 minute documentary, trawled *Who's Who* for backers. "We wrote to about 400 people, including every member of the Cabinet, to see if anyone would be interested," says Rogers, who for two years was a researcher for the BBC. Sadly, he adds, "the Beeb pay so little we don't expect to make any money".

Man's world

The women's magazine market may be saturated but the outlook for raunchy titles for men looks buoyant. Paul Raymond has just launched his seventh magazine — *Men's World* — under the editorship of his daughter, Debbie. The monthly glossy, retailing at £2, looks very much the same as all his other publications, except it is bigger. Much bigger. "It starts off as A4 then opens out to a poster size," Debbie enthuses. "Everything is huge, shiny, and glossy." She has also taken on Fiona Richmond as an agony aunt. "I didn't want a page three bimbette; I wanted someone with a brain who people could identify with." Debbie's other journalistic credits include editing her father's more celebrated periodical, *Men Only*, and the highest selling magazine in France — *Club pour Hommes*.

War of words

Two journalists are fighting it out for a place on Southwark council in a forthcoming by-election. Heather Kirby, a freelance writer and former wife of the editorial director of Mail Newspapers, Louis Kirby, is standing as a Conservative candidate against the former Northern Ireland high jump champion and freelance sports writer Kate Hoey. The odds are that Kate will win the place in the Labour controlled council. It would be some compensation for the fact that she only just missed a seat in Parliament at the last general election by 180 votes — the smallest majority in the country.

Briefing . . .

The un-named Sunday newspaper planned by the Sunday Newspaper Corporation has appointed former executive director of the *Daily Mail*, Peter Chadwick, as general manager. The Corporation expects to be able to announce the title of the new Sunday next week . . . The London Evening papers NUJ branch is hosting a benefit night for Beirut hostage John McCarthy tomorrow. The Friends of John McCarthy, who are keeping the World Television News journalist's memory alive, hope to raise £1,000. Funds are needed to pay for appeals for his release on Syrian radio . . . **In between composing heart rending prose on the plight of the trapped whales in Alaska journalists were dining out on whalemeat . . .**

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Large company benefits include free lunch, season ticket loan and profit share. Salary up to £13,000.

If you think this could be you, please send your CV to: Margaret Wallace, RTZ Pillar Limited, Cleveland House, 19 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4JG, or ring 01-930 7355.

Sky's the limit
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Living fairly local to Chelsea, work is a pleasure in this brand new environment where your responsibilities will include the running of a property office, supervision of staff, admin and liaison with H.O. Occasional audio typing and WP. 28+ you should be a proven organiser and highly self motivated.

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If you can make the contribution I'm looking for, you'll definitely be able to grow with our business.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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Executive Secretary
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Varied and interesting position as PA to the Managing Director of the U.K. branch of a large overseas group, located in prestigious offices in Knightsbridge.

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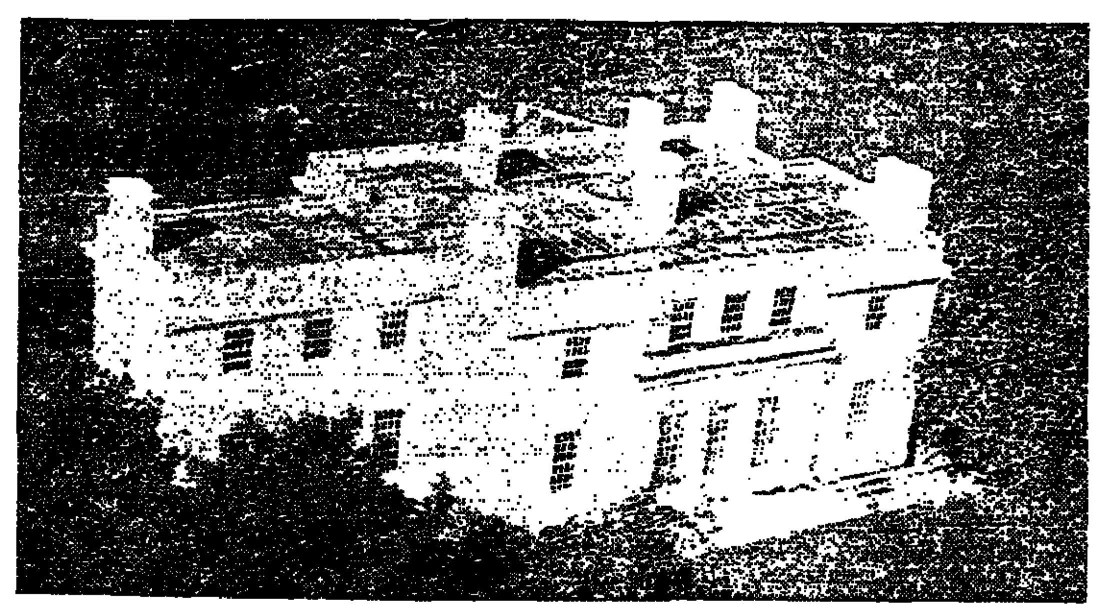
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Echoes of past glory

Today another grand house by John Nash in Regent's Park goes on to the market – at around £8.25 million. Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, traces its history



House of fame: Cochrane, Buonaparte, Beatty, Astor — some of the names associated with Hanover Lodge

Hanover Lodge, the last unmodernized Nash villa in Regent's Park, London, has been put on the market today by the Crown Estate. The guide price, through Knight Frank & Rutley, is £8.25 million, and it is likely that it will cost the new owner not less than £2 million to restore it in line with the minimum requirements of the Crown Estate's architects.

The forthcoming sale completes the Crown Estate's policy of bringing back the great Nash houses into private residential ownership.

In 1984, The Holme was sold for near the guide price of £5 million, establishing a new range of values for such houses. In 1986, Nuffield Lodge, now with its original name Grove House, went for around the asking price of £8 million, and last year St John's Lodge was priced at £9 million.

Hanover Lodge is on a smaller scale than the other three, and has additions by Sir Edwin Lutyens dating from 1910. It is a measure of Lutyens' stature that the Crown Estate would like the house to be restored to the design completed by him, rather than taking it back totally to the Nash period.

The building was previously in use as a hall of residence by Bedford College, with further extensions dating from the 1960s, and it now has 20 rooms covering more than 11,000 square feet, standing in nearly two acres with frontages on to the park's Outer Circle and the canal.

With two gate lodges and a stable block, the house, on the north west edge of the park, remains largely hidden to the outside world, and bears testimony to Nash's original concept for the villas that they should "appear to possess the whole park and yet be invisible to others".

The Grade II* listed house dates from the early 1820s and is believed to be the result of a collaboration between Nash and Decimus Burton, and built by Burton's father James.

Now with its unsightly 1960s additions removed, Hanover Lodge has virtually regained its original Regency form, except for the remaining Lutyens alterations.

In 1910, David Beatty, who had recently become the youngest rear-admiral since Lord Nelson, bought Hanover Lodge and engaged Lutyens to enlarge the villa. New floors were added under a steeply-pitched roof.

In 1962, the second floor and roof were removed at the insistence of the Crown Estate in order to restore the villa more to its Regency form.

Demonstrating not only the changing needs of its various owners, but also the changing views of architects and society, the intention now is that Lutyens' second floor and roof of should be put back.

The owners themselves added a colourful social history to the house. Built first for Miss Harriet Smith, the future Lady Arbuthnot, the next owner was one of the 19th-century's more extraordinary characters, Thomas, Lord Cochrane, later the 10th Earl of Dundonald. In 1814 he was fined, jailed, expelled from the House of Commons and stripped of the Order of the Bath after being found guilty of involvement in a Stock Exchange fraud. He and others had allegedly circulated a rumour that Napoleon was dead, which led to massive stock price manipulation.

He later spent some 10 years in charge of the navies of Chile, Brazil and Greece, also an offence, before returning to England to clear his name – which he did, and succeeded to the earldom in 1831. He was pardoned in 1832, and promoted to rear-admiral, but money problems led him to let the house to Joseph Buonaparte, Napoleon's aged brother and formerly the King of Spain, and then sell it.

A more recent owner, in 1925, was Princess Obolensky, formerly Alice Astor, whose father died in the Titanic disaster. She left in 1946 after marrying her fourth husband, David Pleydell-Bouverie. Hanover House was subsequently sold to Bedford College, in whose ownership it has been until now — the next phase of its distinguished existence.

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IN THE MARKET

Derby Day delight

■ Blickling House at Epsom, Surrey, was built in 1896 by Lord Rosebury, the former prime minister (1894-95), with his Derby winnings – he won the Derby in 1894 and 1895 with Ladas and Sir Visto. Now it is for sale, appropriately through Black Horse Agencies Gascoigne-Pees, for £420,000. The house stands in half an acre, and is five minutes' walk to Epsom Downs. It has six bedrooms and three bathrooms, and the late Victorian character is illustrated by the marble fireplaces, high double sash windows, moulded cornices, and the original conservatory.

Lord Rosebury went on to win the Derby again in 1905 with Cicero, which won him a further £7,000, and Andrew Vickers, assistant manager of the agents' Epsom office comments: "The excellent workmanship and finishing of Blickling House may well reflect Lord Rosebury's remarkable success at Epsom races."

■ The Long House in the hamlet of Nind near Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, was originally an old threshing mill until the mill stream was converted. It then became farmworkers' cottages and is now a well-restored family house. About 100 years old, it has two reception rooms and 3/4 bedrooms, and retains its exposed stone walls and beams. Humberts' Tetbury office is asking for offers around £198,000.

■ Roundways, in the delightful market town of Holt in north Norfolk, the home of sporting and wildlife artist Richard Robjent, is for sale through Strutt & Parker's of Norwich, for £250,000. The Grade II listed house, one of the finest in the town, dates from the early 18th century, built after most of the town was destroyed by fire in 1708. The house has a dining-room, study, drawing-room on the first floor, and five bedrooms. Beside the house is the artist's studio and adjoining store room which could be converted into further accommodation. The property stands in a walled garden, and, with north Norfolk becoming increasingly popular, is likely to attract considerable interest.

■ Rosehill House, near Stockbridge, Hampshire, bordering the valley of the Test, is a fine example of Victorian Gothic, built in golden yellow brick and standing in 16 acres of parkland. The building, which has a central tower, has been totally restored, and has four reception rooms and four bedroom suites. There is a heated swimming pool outside, and the property has a high level of security. Hamptons' London and Winchester offices are giving a guide price of £1.3 million.

■ Blaize House is one of the oldest houses in the wool town of Lavenham, Suffolk, dating from 1480, and once occupied by wealthy wool merchants. It was original the Weaving House, where a master clothier lived and had his looms. The house has now been restored, and has two units of three and four bedrooms, and two adjoining two-bedroom cottages, in all 11 bedrooms, which could provide either one large house or multiple occupation.

The Grade II* buiding has a heavy oak framework, with a jettied upper storey, and the ceilings of the reception rooms are all of good height, reflecting its original use as a weaving factory. The prices range from £75,000 for one of the cottages to £240,000 for the main portion, through Jackson-Stops & Staff's Newmarket office.

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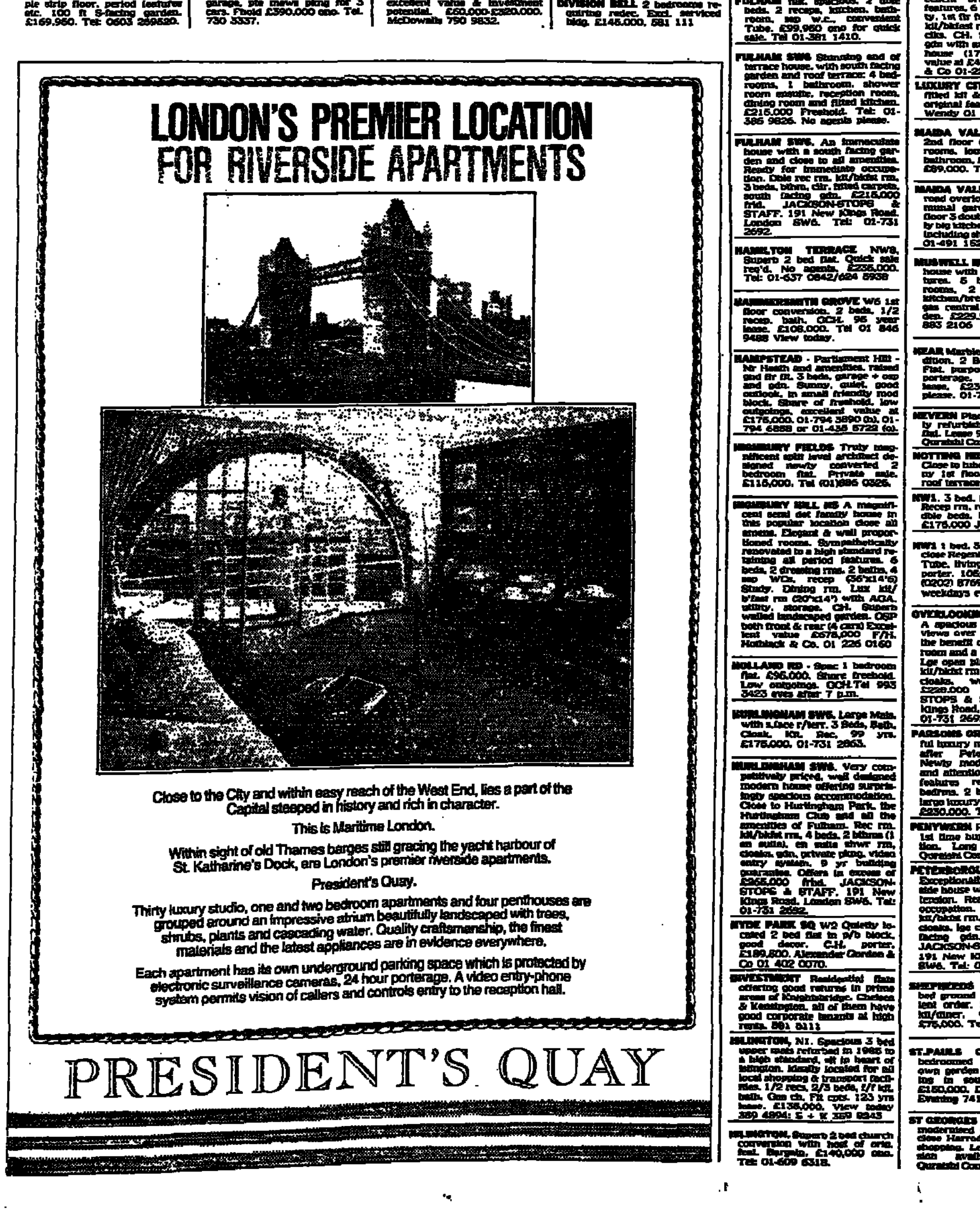

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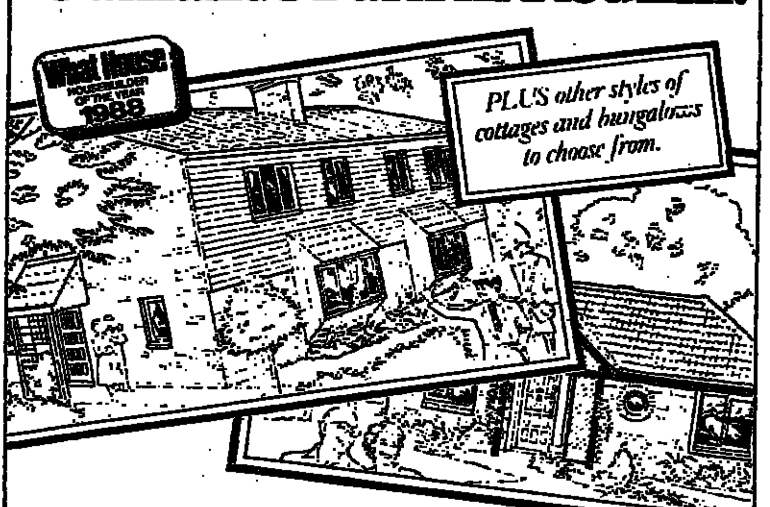

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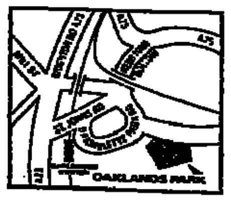

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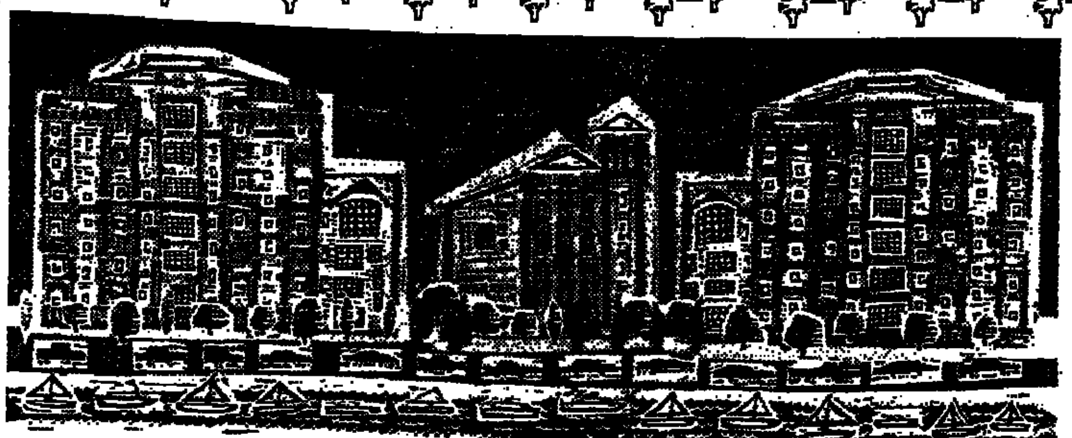

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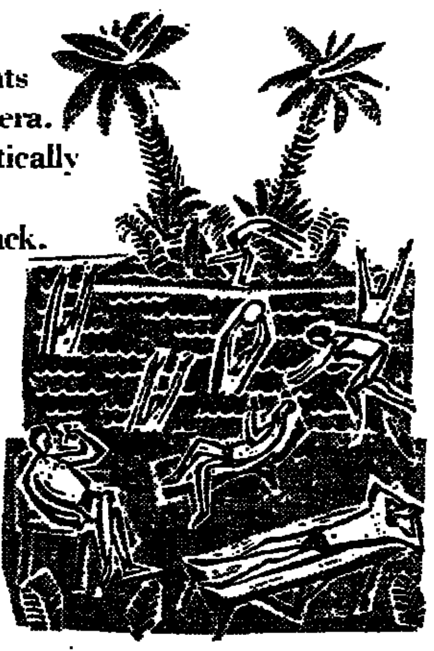

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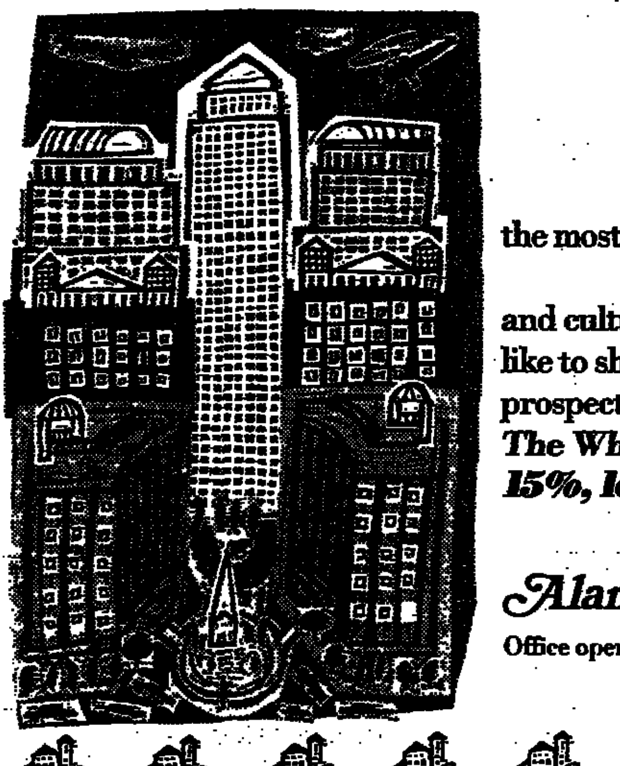

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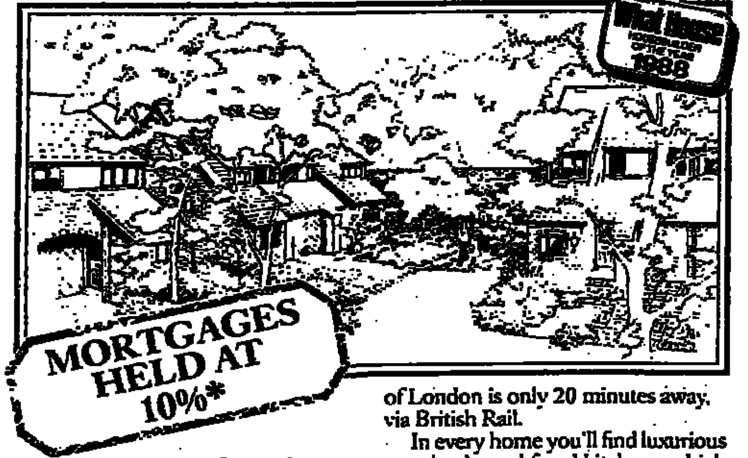

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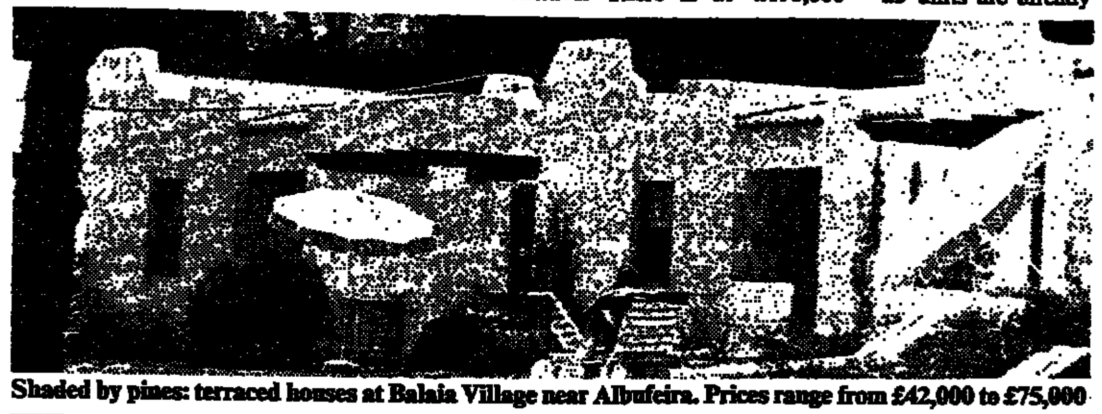
Luxury Algarvian style

Holiday idyll: apartments and townhouses at the Four Seasons Country Club near Faro on the Algarve



Shaded by pines: terraced houses at Balaia Village near Albufeira. Prices range from £42,000 to £75,000

Portugal is an attractive proposition for the British second-home buyer, the main reason being that the pound sterling is strong against the escudo and looks set to become even firmer.

The Algarve has a variety of leisure complexes, one of the more exclusive being the 1,700-acre Quinta do Lago estate, near Faro, which has been bought by Roger Abraham and David Thompson, the latter being founder and former chairman of Hillsdown Holdings. Between them, they now have a joint investment of about £25 million in the estate.

Mr Abraham, who is chairman of Quinta do Lago, was a senior partner of Simon & Coates and then managing director of Chase Investment Bank, but he has now moved to Quinta do Lago, where he and Mr Thompson paid less than £15 million for the 516 building plots and facilities including three golf courses.

The development concept at Quinta is one of low density. Building is allowed to cover only 8 per cent of the land, much of which is pine woods leading to beaches with sand dunes. There are many lakes within the estate around which various developments are under construction, two of them by Bovis.

Lakeside Village comprises about 155 houses and apartments built around a lake, with some shops and a bus stop. Built in traditional Algarvian style, with white-washed walls, wooden-shuttered windows and varying roof levels, the overall impression is that of a long-established residential enclave. There is a large swimming pool, two tennis courts, restaurants and a bar. Traditional brick, ceramics and stone tiles feature strongly in the interiors.

There are a few two-bedroom apartments for sale, priced £123,000 to £126,000, and a variety of villas, averaging £210,000. There is a show house and owners are entitled to use all the facilities of the estate.

Also within Quinta do Lago, near another, smaller lake, and overlooking the golf course, is a new apartment scheme by Bovis, Sao Lourenço. The first units should be ready for occupation early next year.

Eventually, there will be 94 studios, one, two and three-bedroom apartments, ranging in price from £90,000 to about £190,000 — 23 units are already reserved. A show flat is open and reservations can be made on payment of a non-refundable £2,500 deposit. There is an option for buyers to become members of the golf club.

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For holidaymakers keen to establish a foothold within Quinta do Lago, Mr Abraham has established the Quinta do Lago Country Club — 36 luxurious timeshare apartments which stand next to the new Quinta do Lago hotel, managed by the Orient Express Group. The unusually designed apartment block is built in sloping "honeycomb" style and seems to blend into the hillside. Owners can use the hotel facilities.

The apartments are big, expensively furnished and fitted, and future plans include an adjacent leisure club. The timeshare scheme is being run like a hotel, with a round-the-clock receptionist and room service.

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Details: *Quinta do Lago, 106/110 Brompton Road, London SW3 1JJ, tel. 01-581 9555.*

McInerney, the Dublin-based housebuilder, has firmly established itself within Quinta do Lago, with two timeshare schemes. One, the Four Seasons Country Club, is complete and now Four Seasons Fairways is being built next door. Both schemes are in the heart of estate. Fairways will comprise 130 villas on an 18-acre site and buyers can take a week or blocks of one month, six or eight weeks.

Eight weeks in one of the largest villas will cost from £27,000 to £42,000, depending on the season, and the developers say that purchasers are happy to spend that much, even though it is possible to buy a home outright for £40,000 elsewhere in the Algarve.

McInerney is also selling villas on an outright basis at Fairways from £140,000 to £300,000, according to size and position, and though the service charges are high — about £1,400 a year — owners know that, because of the timeshare element, the management and ongoing maintenance will be good.

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Just outside the resort of Albufeira, Prowting, the British housebuilder, is now completing the second phase of Balaia village. About 100 units are already built and sold and the next three dozen or so will be available in stages from the beginning of next year. In total contrast to Quinta, Balaia is a small project with the terraced houses and apartments clustering around a swimming pool complex with a clubhouse, restaurant and bar. There are tennis courts and future plans include another swimming pool and bar.

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RUGBY UNION

Wheeler to assume diminished role in Leicester affairs

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Peter Wheeler, who helped coach Leicester to the Courage Clubs Championship last season, is to reduce his commitment to the club owing to domestic and business responsibilities. The decision means that he will not be able to occupy such a high-profile role within the club where he has been a player, committee-member and coach for nearly 20 years.

Wheeler, the former England hooker and captain, put the problem which faces both leading players and coaches graphically: "I can't afford to get to the end of the season and find that Leicester have done quite well but the business has gone down the tubes. "Coaching is becoming increasingly a full-time occupation. Sometimes I come into the office on a Monday morning and it gets to 11 o'clock and I haven't done a stroke of work because I've been organizing coaching, or taking calls from players or the media."

Wheeler, who has four young children, began an insurance business with two partners less than a year ago. "I just haven't got the time to do the coaching job properly," he said. "I have really got to concentrate on work and the family for the next 18 months. I shall still be able to do bits and pieces but I can't take the responsibility for all the club's sides."

Events have conspired against Wheeler, who is only part — albeit the best-known part — of the Leicester coaching committee. Business promotions and domestic problems have affected other key members of the committee this season, though the club's results overall have been sustained: the three senior sides have lost only a handful of games between them.

"I thought long and hard during the summer and was hesitant about accepting the job again because I thought there might be a problem," Wheeler, who is 40 this month, said. "My involvement will remain at training once a week and probably going to most matches. But it's the organization which is so time-consuming."

The pressure on the game's leading coaches has increased dramatically with the advent of the league. Northampton, near-neighbours of Leicester, established a precedent this summer when they named Barrie Corless — the Rugby Football Union's technical administrator in the Midlands — as the first full-time playing manager. He took up his appointment this week and it seems inevitable that others will follow.

John Allen, the Leicester secretary, said yesterday: "We will try to keep Peter involved but we must take some of the superfluous things off his shoulders. It will help that Alan Foster [both the club's and the Midlands fitness adviser] is back. We have always known about Peter's problems in the amount of time and commitment he can give and we are always looking for other people to help on a regular basis."

Kent retain proven XV

Two of the semi-finalists in this season's Toshiba county championships were decided last weekend, when Cornwall beat Dorset and Wilts to lead the south-western division and Durham pipped Cumbria for the northern title (David Hands writes). The third will be known this evening after Kent play Hertfordshire at Askeans in the London play-off.

Kent field the same XV which beat Eastern Counties convincingly last week to win group B in the London division. In that match Field, the Askeans stand-off half, scored 19 points and teams up once more with Evans, who travels from Pontypridd to represent the county while Taylor, the captain, is deputy at Nottingham to Moore, the England hooker.

The second Midland semi-final takes place at Moseley this evening, when North Midlands meet Notts, Lincs and Derby. Mackenzie, the Coventry wing, makes his debut for North Midlands who move Parsons (Moseley) into the centre in one of eight changes. Smith (Aston Old Edwardians) returns after injury at stand-off and Woolley (Five Ways) switches to loose-head prop to accommodate Mosses (Nottingham) who played for the Midlands against the Australians.

A Samoan threat to Ulster

By George Ace

Four of the men responsible for six of the 12 tries scored in the international at Lansdowne Road last Saturday are in action tonight at Ravenhill, where Ulster, the provincial champions, meet Western Samoa.

Crossan (twice) and McBride scored for Ireland and Young (twice) and Ah Kuoi crossed for the Samoans, whose running rugby looks capable of causing their hosts problems.

Ulster's scrummaging has been loose and their lineout possession virtually non-existent. The restructuring of the back five, with Anderson switching from lock to No. 8, and the pairing of the two heavyweights, Morrison and Rogers, in the second row, may have the desired effect, though the absence of Matthews is a blow.

ULSTER: C Wilkinson (Malone); T Ringland (Ballymena), J Hewitt (London Irish), D Irwin (Instonians, captain), K Crossan (Instonians); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena); M Reynolds (Malone), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy (Bangor), D Whittle (London Irish), J Rogers (Bangor), C Morrison (Malone), D McBride (Malone), W Anderson (Dungannon).

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Referee: G Black (Leinster).

Thorburn longing for Welsh honours

By Peter Bills

The workings of the Welsh Rugby grapevine do Paul Thorburn a disservice. He wishes it to be known that he has not given up aspirations of further international honours. Thorburn, holder of 18 senior caps earned between 1985-1988, did not go with Wales to New Zealand last June, hastening speculation that his international days were over as business commitments took priority.

Thorburn believes a summer away from the game recharged the battery of desire and inspiration. At least one Welshman anticipated the new season with relish. "I have not given it away at all," he said. "I could not go to New Zealand because of my job. But I have trained as hard as ever this season and would dearly love to play for Wales again."

Thorburn was omitted from Wales's first international last season, against England at Twickenham. Tony Clement, of Swansea, earned the place but a subsequent injury prevented Clement retaining it and Thorburn stepped in once again.

His kicking then became such an integral part of the Welsh game that he played a notable role in helping Wales to their first Triple Crown in nine years. Nor was their wish to play bold, open rugby compromised by Thorburn's return.

Now the Neath full back believes he is as fit as ever and his present form is impressive. He has scored seven tries in Neath's last six games besides finding his kicking form. He believes his speed has improved by a tougher fitness programme. Most importantly he said: "The ambition to play for Wales is still there. You must have something to aim for and with a Lions tour at the end of this season, I do not lack incentive."

Brian Thomas, the Neath coach, added: "Paul is playing well enough to be an international footballer again."

Francis ruled out

Neil Francis, who injured a shoulder during Ireland's victory over Western Samoa in Dublin last weekend, is out of the London Irish team which faces Met Police in the second round of the Pilkington Cup at Sunbury on Saturday. His place at lock goes to fellow international, Mike Gibson.

TEAM: P Davidson; S Geoghegan, B Mullin, R Kuhn, J Hewitt; B Mullen, R Stewart; T Hennessy, M Leonard, H Brown, I Stevens, M Gibson, P Collins, D Whittle, D Fitzgerald.

The thrills and spills of Formula 40

In at the deep end: the French crew of Chaffoteaux et Maury is rescued following a capsize at this year's Brest grand prix

Boom-time for a fledgeling class

By Barry Pickthall

After a second season of flying hulls and spectacular "crash-and-burn" cartwheels throughout Europe, the fledgeling professional sport of Formula 40 multihull racing appears to have come of age.

Born in France to capitalize on growing television interest in yachting, the exciting 40-foot formula has now been exported to the shores of the United States, Australia and South Africa. In Europe, the class is also set to expand, with Paul Elvstrom, the Olympic medal winner reportedly preparing to skipper a Danish team to rival the other new entries expected from West Germany, The Netherlands, Spain and Ireland.

Part of the appeal to traditional offshore sailors has been the introduction of prize-money to the sport. A total of £50,000 provided by the host ports was split between the nine grands prix that made up this year's world championship circuit, providing Jean le Cam's winning French team with a purse of £27,000 and Britain's third-placed Full Pelt crew with a £10,000 consolation.

Next year, this prize-money is set to rise considerably when Nordica, the sportswear manufacturers, takes on overall sponsorship of a seven-strong European circuit of grands prix and a separate world championship is staged on Lake Garda, in Italy, in August.

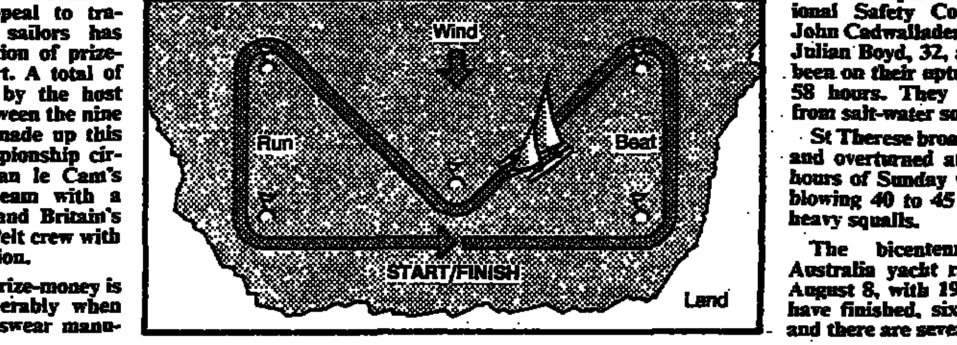
The attraction for sponsors, in Europe at least, has been the six-and-a-half hours of television coverage given to the sport this year, prompting such firms as Chaffoteaux et Maury, the French domestic boiler maker, Biscuits Cantreau, the confectioner, and Data General, the computer company, to support the £140,000 building fees and £70,000 annual campaign costs of these fast boats.

Perhaps because of this television exposure, the Formula 40 fleet finds itself caught in the cross-currents of commercialism. For many potential sponsors, exposure on the small screen is not sufficient. They want to be involved in a public spectacle which the existing boats and courses cannot always accommodate.

While strong winds usually guarantee thrills and spills as crews race on the knife-edge that divides winning from wipe-out, last weekend's listless grand prix at Monaco highlights the need for these craft to carry greater sail area in light airs.

Courses need to be set closer inshore, within natural amphitheatres, to provide the public with a better view. Here, the American sense for showmanship may well provide a needy lesson to the French organizers.

When the European boats travel to Hawaii in January for the first American grand prix, they will race over a "bow-tie" rectangular course set parallel to the waterfront designed to maximise the multihull's fastest point of sailing and limiting the less spectacular beats and runs that form the major part of traditional courses.



● SYDNEY: Two crew members on the 36ft trimaran, St Therese, which capsized in the Around Australia race, were rescued 25 miles south of Port Davey on the south western tip of Tasmania yesterday (a Correspondent writes).

A helicopter from the National Safety Council rescued John Cadwallader, aged 44, and Julian Boyd, 32, after they had been on their upturned craft for 58 hours. They suffered only from salt-water sores.

St Therese broached 30ft seas and overturned at in the eraly hours of Sunday with the wind blowing 40 to 45 knots and in heavy squalls.

The bicentennial Around Australia yacht race began on August 8, with 19 starters. Six have finished, six have retired and there are seven to finish.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup
Third round

Aston Villa v Millwall
Bradford C v Scunthorpe
Leeds Utd v Luton
Leicester C v Norwich (7.45)
Liverpool v Arsenal
Manchester City v Sheffield Utd
Nottingham F v Coventry
QPR v Charlton (7.45)
Scarborough v Southampton
Wimbledon v Manchester Utd (7.45)

Barclays League
Second division

Oxford Utd v Sunderland

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Aberdeen v Celtic
Dundee v Hamilton
Hibernian v Dundee Utd

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replays: Guisborough v Leek; Whitby v Barrow; Whitehawk v Bognor; Brandon v Caernafon.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Huddersfield (7.0); Newcastle v Manchester Utd (7.0). Second division: Bolton v Doncaster R (7.0); Hull v Darlington R (7.0); Stoke v Wigan (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: QPR v West Ham.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wealdstone v Aylesbury; Leyton Orient v Gillingham (7.45).

SW COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth v Plymouth (2.00); Exeter City v Cardiff City (2.00).

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Chesham Utd v Worthing (7.45). Second division south: Camberley v Maidenhead Utd; Feltham v Hungerford (7.45).

WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: First round, second leg (First leg score in brackets): Alvechurch (2) v Willenhall (3); Waterlooville (2) v Salisbury (1).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard v Welton Rovers (7.45). First division: Elmore v Backwell Utd.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Ulster v Western Samoans (Ravenhill).

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: London play-off: Kent v Hertfordshire (Askeans). Midlands semi-final play-off: North Midlands v Notts, Lincs and Derby (Moseley, 7.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Combined Services (7.15); Ebbw Vale v Aberavon (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Maesteg (7.15); Gloucester v South Wales Police (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Miller Lite/Puma tournament (Wimbledon). Railcards grand prix (Poole).

BASKETBALL: European championships (Men), semi-final round: England v Netherlands. NatWest Trophy: Bracknell v Crystal Palace (8.0). Leicester v Solent (8.0).

BOWLS: CIS United Kingdom singles championships (Preston).

BOXING: Brian Mitchell (SA, holder) v Jim McDonnell (GB), WBA junior-lightweight title contest and professional bill (Elephant and Castle).

CROSS-COUNTRY: West London Institute v Royal Air Force (Richmond Park); London colleges league (Guildford).

GOLF: WPGA Spanish Open (La Manga).

HOCKEY: Midland Bank VI form and tertiary colleges Cup: semi-finals and finals (Lilleshall).

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: BBC2 2.15 p.m.; 11.55 p.m. CIS United Kingdom indoor championships from Preston.

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.20 p.m. world championship boxing: Brian Mitchell v Jim McDonnell; bowls from Preston; rugby league: the British Coal nines from Wigan.

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: ITV 11.10 p.m. Featuring Littlewoods Cup football.

BADMINTON

Clubs earn a severe reprimand from AVM

The Oxo club championships are in danger of stagnating owing to lack of interest. So far barely 100 clubs from more than 5,000 throughout England have shown an interest in the tournament, sponsored for the first time by Oxo with an £8,000 prize-fund, the biggest ever for the event.

Air Vice-Marshal Larry Lamb, chief executive of the Badminton Association of England, hit out yesterday at the lethargy and blamed club secretaries.

Making no attempt to hide his disappointment and frustration, Lamb said: "It almost defies analysis. Clubs have been insisting for years that the Badminton Association does little or nothing for them and now we have a magnificent sponsor, with an option, if the event is successful, for a further two years, and less then 150 clubs have bestirred themselves to enter.

"We have evidence that many players would be keen but it would seem that their club secretary has either sat on the paper work until the closing date has passed or they have taken a unilateral decision not to enter without consulting their members — presumably to save them work."

In an attempt to generate wider interest the Badminton Association has agreed to extend the dealine for entries.

REAL TENNIS

Deuchar's tactic rebounds

From William Stephens
New York

Lachlan Deuchar devised a novel way of causing difficulties for the world champion, Wayne Davies, in his quest for the title at the New York Racquet and Tennis Club on Monday, but Davies rose to the challenge and won the first leg 6-3, 6-0, 6-3, 6-3. He needs three more sets today to retain the championship he won from Chris Ronaldson last year.

Ronaldson is Deuchar's practice partner here and, last Wednesday, they developed a service to impede Davies's powerful volleyed return of serve. The ball is hit hard from the mainwall side to the penthouse roof, from which it slides onto the service wall, then grille penthouse wall before falling directly to the floor near the fault line.

Deuchar achieved some control of the first set while Davies tried to boast the ball onto the Tambour wall to chase the second gallery — only to find Deuchar waiting to volley it under the winning gallery.

Once Davies stood near the grille and cut the ball forehand deep to Deuchar's backhand he countered the ploy. He proceeded to expose Deuchar's flaws — principally in the volley and return of serve — while demonstrating his own superior athleticism and precision.

Deuchar abandoned his tactic and fell into the trap that it was designed to avoid — he resorted to the railroad service which Davies either forced to the left side of the dedans, leaving Deuchar stranded, or cut to a short chase on the mainwall side. Deuchar was back to the drawing board for today's encounter.

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Breach of evidence Act code is not always fatal to subsequent statements

Regina v Parris

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment November 1]

A breach of the provisions of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 or of Code C of the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice* (ISBN 0 11 340624 X) did not mean that any statement made by a defendant after such breach would necessarily be ruled out.

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice so stated when giving the reserved judgment of the court allowing an appeal by David John Parris, aged 23, of Chalfont Road, Edmonton, London, from conviction at Wood Green Crown Court (Judge Gerber and a jury) by a majority of 10 to two on counts of armed robbery at a do-it-yourself depot in north London on a Sunday in August 1986 and having a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence. He was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment on each count concurrent.

Mr Kenneth Cameron, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Nigel Askham for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that as three men of the staff were closing the depot preparing to go home, four men wearing motor-cycle gear with balaclavas under crash helmets seized the three men. One robber had what looked like a baseball bat and another produced a shotgun.

The deputy manager, with the gun prodding the back of his head, was taken to the safe which the robbers opened and took over £30,000 in cash and over £8,000 in cheques. They then tied up him and his colleagues and escaped.

When the appellant was arrested and cautioned three days later the police found, among other things, some balaclavas, a crash helmet and a rounders bat.

He arrived at the police station at 6.40am and the officer then in charge, Superintendent Buchan, ordered him to be held incommunicado because there had been an armed robbery, other persons were being sought and money was missing.

He was interviewed at 7.30am and again cautioned. He said that he wanted his solicitor to be present and declined to answer any questions. The interview was, therefore, brought to an end.

He was again interviewed at 10.45am and again cautioned. According to the police he said that he was prepared to talk providing the answers were not written down. He then made a number of admissions which amounted, in effect, to a full confession of his complicity in the robbery.

Among other things he said: "They just used me. They told me they had a job planned and they wanted to use my place." He said that it was only "about 30 grand" which had been stolen, that he had never touched the gun and that he had only received some £300.

At 2.30pm the custody officer was informed that the appellant was no longer to be held incommunicado and at 5.30pm he was allowed to see his solicitor. A third interview then took place in which he declined to answer questions.

In evidence before the jury the appellant said that he knew nothing about the robbery and had spent the whole of that Sunday until about 10pm at his parents' house. His parents both gave support to that accunt. He gave explanations for the various articles which had been found in the house.

So far as the 10.45am interview was concerned, he asserted that the two police officers had simply made up the answers to their own questions and had, in short, fabricated the admissions which he was alleged to have made. He had refused to sign the notes of the interview.

Mr Cameron had submitted to the judge that there had been a breach by the police of section 58 of the 1984 Act and of the corresponding provisions of Code C [Code of Practice for the Detention, Treatment and Questioning of Persons by Police Officers].

The judge ruled that there had been no breach and that consequently there was no obligation on him to consider the question of excluding the admissions by the appellant on the basis of section 78(1), which provided that the court might refuse to allow evidence on which the prosecution proposed to rely to be given if it appeared to the court that, having regard to all the circumstances, including the circumstances in which the evidence was obtained, the admission of the evidence would have such an adverse effect on the fairness of the proceedings that the court ought not to admit it.

The prosecution now, rigtly, conceded that there was a breach of the Act and of Code C before the 10.45am interview.

Section 58(1) provided: "A person arrested and held in custody in a police station or other premises shall be entitled, if he so requests, to consult a solicitor privately at any time."

Section 58(4) provided that if a person made such a request he had to be permitted to consult a solicitor as soon as was practicable except to the extent that delay was permitted by that section.

Section 58(6) provided that delay in compliance with a request was permitted only "(a) in the case of a person who is in police detention for a serious arrestable offence; and (b) if an officer of at least the rank of superintendent authorizes it".

Section 58(8) provided that an officer might authorize delay only where he had grounds for believing that the exercise of the right to confer under subsection (1) "(a) will lead to interference with or harm to evidence connected with a serious arrestable offence or interference with or physical injury to other persons; or (b) will lead to the alerting of persons suspected of having committed such an offence but not yet arrested for it; or (c) will hinder the recovery of any property obtained as a result of such an offence."

After the 7.30am interview, when the appellant requested that he should have access to a solicitor, he was entitled to be given that facility unless the relevant officer both had a reasonable ground for believing the matter set out in subsection (8) and did in fact so believe: see *R v Samuel* (*The Times* December 19, 1987; [1988] 2 WLR 920).

Superintendent Buchan rightly concluded that it was a serious arrestable offence, but then ordered that the appellant sould be held incommunicado.

That was under the provisions of section 56 and Code C paragraph 5.1, which provided that an arrested person could on request have one person known to him or who was likely to taken an interest in his welfare informed as soon as practicable of his arrest and whereabouts. The exercise of that right could be delayed only on grounds similar to those contained in section 58(8) of the Act.

The order to hold the appellant incommunicado was, not unnaturally, interpreted by the custody officer to mean that the appellant was allowed to see no one. No steps were taken to procure a solicitor.

As became clear from their evidence, neither of the two senior officers concerned, Superintendent Buchan and Superintendent Sinclair, who came on the scene a little later, directed their minds to the question whether or not there were grounds for believing that any of the adverse consequences set out in section 58(8) would result if the appellant were allowed access to a solicitor.

There was, in addition, no evidence that such grounds existed in fact.

Therefore, the failure to produce a solicitor was in breach of the provisions of section 58 and the corresponding rules.

Section 67(11) of the Act provided that in all criminal and civil proceedings the Code was admissible in evidence, and if any provision of the Code appeared to the court to be relevant to any question arising in the proceedings it was to be taken into account in determining the question.

A breach of the Act or the Code did not mean that any statement made by a defendant after such breach would necessarily be ruled out. Every case had to be determined on its own particular facts.

Unfortunately because the judge erroneously concluded that there had been no breach of the Act or Code he never directed his mind to the question of "fairness" under section 58.

Their Lordships' task was to put themselves as far as possible in the position of the judge and, on the basis that there was indeed a breach which had to be taken into account, to decide whether the judge should have ruled the evidence of the interview as inadmissible.

By Code C paragraph 6.5, when a person had been permitted to consult a solicitor and a solicitor was available at the time the interview began or was in progress he must be allowed to have his solicitor present when he was interviewed.

Had the Code been observed, a solicitor would doubtless have been present at the interview. He would, if the police had fabricated the interview, have been able to confirm that fact in evidence. Alternatively his presence would have at least discouraged any such fabrication.

If all those matters had been present in the judge's mind he would, their Lordships believed, have concluded, and rightly, that the admission of the evidence would operate unfairly and he would have excluded it.

Since it was conceded that the only evidence of any value against the appellant was what was reported by the police to have been said by him in the 10.45am interview and since in their Lordships' judgment that evidence should not have been admitted by the judge, they had no alternative but to allow the appeal. The convictions were quashed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Wood Green.

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Club liable to corporation tax

Blackpool Marton Rotary Club v Martin (Inspector of Taxes)

A rotary club formed in 1972 under the general supervision of Rotary International was an unincorporated association and as such within the charge to corporation tax on its profits and gains.

Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in the Chancery Division on October 21 in dismissing an appeal by Blackpool Marton Rotary Club from a determination of a special commissioner upholding assessments to the tax made on it for the years from 1981 to 1984 in respect of bank interest received during that period.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was contended by the club that as it organized fund-raising events with a view to profit, it was an association of "persons carrying on a business in common with a view to profit" within the meaning of section 1 of the Partnership Act 1890.

But that was to misconceive the meaning of that provision: it meant that the partners were entitled to profits and responsible for losses while the members of a club were only entitled to benefits conferred by the rules and only liable for payment of their subscriptions.

Whether the club was an unincorporated association within the corporation tax charge was an issue of fact for the commissioner. There were no grounds on which the court could interfere with his decision.

Fraud defence barred

Al Fayed and Others v The Observer Ltd

A defendant to defamation proceedings could not, in support of a plea of justification, include in his pleadings allegations that it could be inferred that the plaintiff had made fraudulent representations, and thus obtain discovery in respect of those allegations, unless that inference could logically be drawn from the pleaded particulars of the allegation.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Woolf) so held on October 28, allowing the plaintiffs' appeal from Mr Justice Steyn who, in chambers on May 26, had granted the defendant leave to amend the further and better particulars of its defence in the plaintiffs' action for libel.

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Sir Blake to confirm potential with winning Newbury return

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Twelve months ago, the Tom Masson Trophy Hurdle was fought out by two of the better novices from the previous season in Celtic Chief and Special Vintage.

Today the Newbury prize has attracted two of last season's leading young hurdlers in Away We Go and Sir Blake, and they should have the finish to themselves.

Away We Go, who had a race on the Flat only 11 days ago, started last season in spectacular style by winning his first three races at Kempton, Ascot and Sandown. His defeat of Biloxi Blues at Kempton was particularly praiseworthy.

In the second half of the season, though, he did not look the same force when he finished only fourth in similar races at Kempton again and at Cheltenham.

Sir Blake, on the other hand, went from strength to strength as the season progressed. He too started off on a triumphant note at Kempton but it was at Chepstow and Liverpool that he really excelled.

On the Gwent course he just managed to beat Rustle and Slalom; at Aintree he easily accounted for Blazing Walker and Decided to put the finishing touches to a perfect day for his owner Juliet Reed who had by then already seen her colours carried to victory in the Grand National by Rhyme 'N' Reason.

On balance, I prefer Sir Blake, who is napped to continue David Elsworth's excellent start to the jumping season.

The Bakewell Boy and The Hill, the other two runners, look out of their depth.

Direct Approach and **Goodman Point**, who produced an exciting finish at Cheltenham a fortnight ago, go their separate ways today but should both be on the mark.

At Cheltenham, Direct Approach just got up to beat Goodman Point at the end of three miles. So the distance of the Lionel Vick Memorial Handicap Chase and the BMW Series Qualifier will not inconvenience them.

Townley Stone, who ran so promisingly on the same afternoon to finish third behind Worthy Knight and Ace Of Spies, is now taken to get the better of the latter in the Marsh Benham Handicap Chase.

Following the success that Michael Stoute and Guy Harwood enjoyed last season with Kribensis and Vagador, I now detect a desire in Barry Hills to emulate them.

Already the master of Manton has made it plain that he yearns to win the Triumph Hurdle with his Cesarewitch hero Nomadic Way, who may well have his first race over hurdles at Sandown on Saturday.

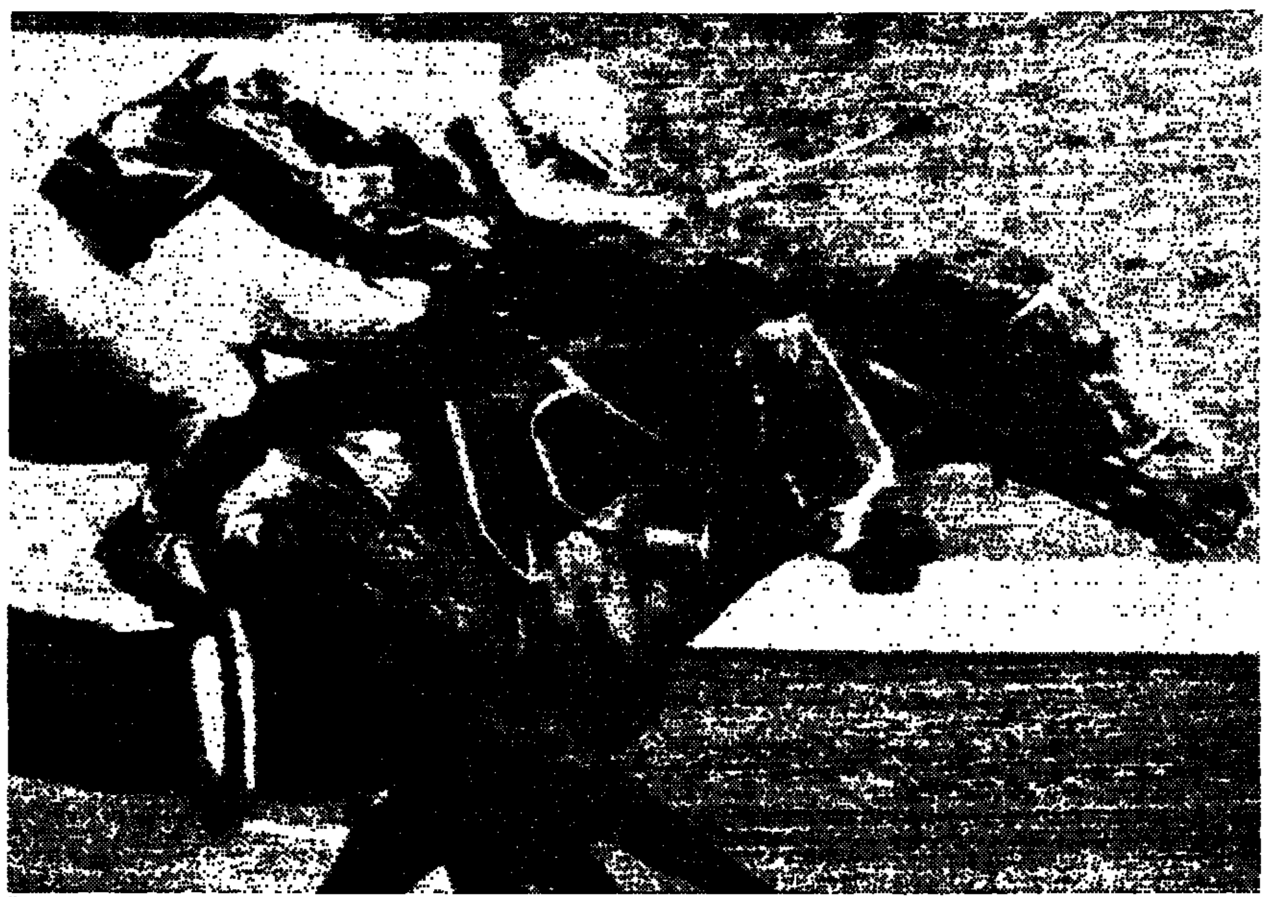
This afternoon, his schooling companion, **Look Lively**, can make his own contribution by winning the Highland Spring/ROA Novices' Hurdle.

At Edinburgh, **Tyger King** looks a sound bet in the Tennents Lager Maiden Stakes after making Prime Display pull out all the stops at Haydock three weeks ago.

Prime Display has since upheld that form by finishing a creditable second to Mamaluna in the Zetland Stakes at Newmarket last Saturday.

Wyer returns

Lorcan Wyer has his first ride since breaking his right thigh seven months ago when he partners On Tap at Stratford tomorrow.



Last year's runner-up Empire Rose holds the challenge of Natski to win the Foster's Melbourne Cup at Flemington yesterday

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Espy.
1.30 Direct Approach.
2.00 Goodman Point.

2.30 SIR BLAKE (nap).
3.00 Townley Stone.
3.30 Look Lively.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 Goodman Point.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 GOODMAN POINT.

Going: good

1.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,857: 2m 100yd) (19 runners)

101	483-11	ESPY 11 (D,G) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 5-11-10	P Scudamore	● 99
102	03/1	ELFAST 13 (D,S) (John Webber) J Webber 5-11-5	G Mernagh	94
104	2U63F0-	ANOTHER CORAL 198 (M Deeley) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	98
107	40-	BRONZE FINAL 285 (S Musson) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe	—
111	1-	GIVUS A BUCK 221 (CD,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 5-11-0	G Bradley	—
113	0252-	MARKET FORCES 310 (Mrs R Baker) N Gaselee 5-11-0	B Powell	98
114	314-0	MINERAL DUST 14 (D,G) (M Groom) Mrs G Jones 5-11-0	R Chapman	—
116		OFFICER GROWLER (M Coxhead) Mrs D Haine 4-11-0	S Smith Eccles	—
118	640-	PARSONS PLEASURE 193 (Mrs A Evill) M Wilkinson 5-11-0	C Llewellyn	—
119		PENDENNIS (C De Brye) N Henderson 5-11-0	J Frost	—
120	6	PLAYPEN 12 (P Tylor) R Frost 4-11-0	M Williams	—
121	6-	PRINCE OF DIAMONDS 195 (P Gwyn) P Hobbs 5-11-0	Peter Hobbs	—
123	53-	ROYAL PAVILION 184 (BF) (Queen Elizabeth) F Walwyn 5-11-0	K Mooney	86
124	0-	RUNCIBLE 203 (R Gilder) A Turnell 4-11-0	I Lawrence (7)	—
127		SOUTHERLY BUSTER (M Dorey) O Sherwood 5-11-0	S Sherwood	—
130	F0-	THE UNDERTAKER 204 (I Moss) J Sayers 4-11-0	M Furlong	—
132	20-	TRANSPLANT BLUE 212 (Transplant Ltd) L Corbett 5-11-0	A Charlton	85
135	P-	ANNIE DE POMME 354 (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 4-10-9	Mr J Tice-Rolph	—
139		FONTEMELIAI (Mrs K Sinclair) M Wilkinson 4-10-9	M Lynch	—

BETTING: 3-1 Espy, 4-1 Givus A Buck, 5-1 Elfast, 6-1 Market Forces, Royal Pavilion, 8-1 Bronze Final, Southerly Buster, 12-1 Another Coral, Pendennis, 16-1 others.

1987: STEEPLE VIEW 6-11-0 S Sherwood (7-2 jt-fav) O Sherwood 24 ran

FORM ELFAST landed a gamble when beating Bright Intervals 8l at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft). ESPY faces stiffer opposition after comfortably beating Beech Park 4l last time at Stratford (2m, good). ANOTHER CORAL ran his best race last season when 3rd, beaten 12l, to Rymster at Kempton in February (2m, good to soft).
GIVUS A BUCK won on his debut in a National Hunt Flat race, by 2l from Bruton Street, here (2m, heavy) last season. MARKET FORCES was 2l 2nd to Nicol John, on his last start last season in good event at Chepstow in December (2m 4f, soft).
ROYAL PAVILLION could only finish third, as a odds-on favourite, when 3rd behind The Leggett at Devon (2m 1f, good to soft). TRANSPLANT BLUE shaped well on debut last season, finishing 2l 2nd to Great Destiny at Wincanton (2m, good).
Selection: ELFAST

1.30 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,007: 3m) (6 runners)

201	2P/142P-	CITY ENTERTAINER 288 (CD,S) (A Haddock) Mrs C Postlethwaite 7-12-3	M Dwyer	98
202	111U10-	MITHRAS 200 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 10-12-0	P Scudamore	98
203	213U32-	SALEHURST 228 (G,S) (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 8-11-8	J Frost	97
205	F3231-1	DIRECT APPROACH 14 (D,F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-1 (5ex)	R Rowe	● 99
206	32352-2	PUCKS PLACE 35 (BF,G) (J Belinge) N Gaselee 7-11-0	K Mooney	96
208	3333/P4	LORD LAURENCE 4 (D,F,S) (Mrs L Deeley) D Gandolfo 9-10-0	S McNeill	97

Long handicap: Lord Laurence 9-11.

BETTING: 5-4 Direct Approach, 11-4 City Entertainer, 9-2 Pucks Place, 7-1 Mithras, 10-1 Salehurst, 16-1 Lord Laurence.

1987: INDAMELODY 9-11-10 J White (5-2 fav) N Henderson 9 ran

FORM PUCKS PLACE lost his chance on reappearance at Ludlow (3m, firm) when a blunder three out caused his jockey to lose his irons. The partnership stayed together to finish 10l 2nd behind Cardinal's Outburst.
DIRECT APPROACH rallied gamely to beat Goodman Point a neck when reappearing at Cheltenham (3m, good to firm). CITY ENTERTAINER competed in top novice company last term, beating Taberna Lord 7l on seasonal bow at Worcester (2m 4f, soft).
MITHRAS won four minor handicap events last season, defeating Border Lad 1½l on penultimate outing at Bangor (3m 4f, good).
SALEHURST won a valuable handicap event at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good) in December by 2½l from Lucky Rascal.
Selection: PUCKS PLACE

2.0 BMW SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,336: 3m) (8 runners)

302	3/0500-1	BRUNI BABY 26 (F) (P Kearney) J Sayers 7-11-10	Peter Hobbs	75
303	12P11-2	GOODMAN POINT 14 (F,G,S) (T Wragg) S Christian 8-11-10	J Osborne	● 99
305		BORACEVA (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 5-11-6	J Frost	—
306	6P/2FP-	MEAT THE FOULKES 208 (C R Foulkes and Sons Ltd) R Frost 7-11-6	M Williams	71
307	0050-42	OAKGROVE 13 (B Lewis) R Lee 6-11-6	B Dowling	60
308	6	PANTOUR 15 (Mrs G Willard) J Fitch-Heyes 8-11-6	R Goldstein	—
309	B4P3P1-	RED COLUMBIA 177 (D,S) (Mrs J Webster) W Mann 7-11-6	J D Doyle	69
310	105/2P0-	REMEDY THE MALADY 184 (S) (J Beasley) M Robinson 7-11-6	J Duggan	—

BETTING: 6-4 Goodman Point, 3-1 Bruni Baby, 9-2 Oakgrove, 10-1 Pantour, 14-1 Remedy The Malady, Red Columbia, 20-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM GOODMAN POINT made an encouraging reappearance when a neck 2nd to Direct Approach at Cheltenham (3m, good to firm). MEAT THE FOULKES completed the course only once from three starts last term, finishing 2½l 2nd behind Mountain Crash at Worcester (2m 4f, heavy).
OAKGROVE made most of the running but could only finish 2nd, 12l behind Rimfire, last time at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to soft). RED COLUMBIA won his final start last season, by 4l from Dock Brief, at Southwell (3m, soft).
BRUNI BABY won a novice event at Worcester (2m 4f, good to firm), by 1½l from Couture Color, on reappearance. REMEDY THE MALADY was ¾l 2nd to Infinity Rules, on the first of three starts in handicap company last season, at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: GOODMAN POINT

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2.30 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE (£4,025: 2m 4f 120yd) (4 runners)

401	11UP44-	AWAY WE GO 11F (D,G,S) (J Payne) J Jenkins 6-11-8	S Sherwood	85
403	1/141F1-	SIR BLAKE 207 (D,S) (Miss J Reed) D Elsworth 7-11-8	B Powell	● 99
406	530332-	THE BAKEWELL BOY 155 (G) (N Lake) R Frost 6-11-0	J Frost	87
410	1/004-23	THE HILL 14 (BF,G) (J Massy-Collier) B Smart 6-10-9	R Dunwoody	71

BETTING: 4-6 Sir Blake, 2-1 Away We Go, 7-1 The Bakewell Boy, 9-1 The Hill.

1987: CELTIC CHIEF 4-11-2 P Scudamore (8-15 fav) Mrs M Rimell 6 ran

FORM AWAY WE GO won on seasonal debut last term. Generally disappointing form since beating Deep Moment 3l in the Tolworth Hurdle (2m, soft) at Sandown last January. SIR BLAKE also won first time out last term, but showed best form at Liverpool with an easy 8l win from Blazing Walker (2m 4f, soft). Acts on any going.
THE BAKEWELL BOY is consistent and seems effective at distances from 2m to 3m. Ran up to form at Cheltenham in April when 6¾l 3rd of 24 to Western Dandy. THE HILL favourite at Cheltenham last time when 4½l 3rd of 18 to Man On The Line (2m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: SIR BLAKE (nap)

3.0 MARSH BENHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,147: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

501	40251-3	TOWNLEY STONE 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Townley) J Webber 9-12-2	G Mernagh	97
503	062151-	BAIES 209 (G,S) (Mrs B Samuel) C Brooks 6-11-6	P Scudamore	90
504	43P-126	LOR MOSS 12 (D,F,S) (A Leighton) A Leighton 8-11-3	C Smith	98
507	5540-33	LANDING BOARD 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 10-11-1	D Skyrme (7)	90
508	3163P-2	ACE OF SPIES 14 (CD,F,S) (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 7-11-0	B Powell	89
509	5034-P0	THOMOND PRIDE 9 (B,D,S) (H Harpur-Crewe) P O'Connor 12-11-0	T Morgan	—
512	U4321P-	SUNBEAM TALBOT 195 (CD,G,S) (Mrs R Lagoubi) Mrs S Armytage 7-10-9	Mr M Armytage	● 99
514	512451-	SOLAR CLOUD 172 (D,F,G,S) (B Brooks) D Nicholson 6-10-2	R Dunwoody	95

BETTING: 6-4 Townley Stone, 7-2 Ace Of Spies, 9-2 Baies, 8-1 Lor Moss, 10-1 Landing Board, 12-1 Sunbeam Talbot, Solar Cloud, 14-1 Thomond Pride.

1987: PEGWELL BAY 6-10-3 H Davies (6-1) T Forster 6 ran

FORM ACE OF SPIES, a dual course winner, made a promising comeback (first outing since November 1987) at Cheltenham when 8l 2nd to Worthy Knight with TOWNLEY STONE (same terms) a head 3rd.
BAIES beat Observer Corps 12l at Bangor (2m, good) on final start last term. LANDING BOARD was ridden by a claimer when 5¾l 3rd to Cuddy Dale here (3m, good to firm) last time with LOR MOSS (same terms) a well beaten 6th. SUNBEAM TALBOT beat Goodman Point 12l over course and distance last March. That was on heavy but seems equally as effective on fast ground.
SOLAR CLOUD, from a stable in form, beat Light Song 4l at Warwick (2m 4f, firm) on final start last term.
Selection: SOLAR CLOUD

3.30 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,472: 2m 100yd) (19 runners)

601	1	RUNTON 9F (D,F) (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 11-5	R Dunwoody	—
605		BITTER CREEK 102F (R Richards) H O'Neill 11-0	P Scudamore	—
606	0	CONNATE 12 (Mrs M Gibbons) R Akehurst 11-0	I Shoemark (4)	—
607		DEEP SENSATION (R Eliot) J Gifford 11-0	R Rowe	—
608		GO UNCONDITIONAL 114F (Mrs J Robinson) R O'Sullivan 11-0	M Kinane	—
609		HOT COMPANY 44F (I MacNicol) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-0	S Smith Eccles	—
610		IKDAM 12F (LBI Law (873) Ltd) R Holder 11-0	N Coleman	—
612	F6	LETCOMBE 20 (B) (R Cox) M McCourt 11-0	G McCourt	—
614		LOOK LIVELY 88F (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 11-0	K Mooney	—
615		MASNUN 27F (I Page) R O'Sullivan 11-0	D O'Sullivan (7)	—
617	P	MR MURDOCK 12 (D Ward-Smith) J Fox 11-0	R Dennis	—
618	003	ORIGAMI 18 (F Trickett) W Price 11-0	C Llewellyn	—
619	84	TANG 14 (Miss S Hamilton) D Windle 11-0	A Carroll	—
620		TARKOVSKY 172F (J Watkins) William Price 11-0	W Knox	—
622		ANIMAL ACTOR 47F (M Culling) R Akehurst 10-9	Dale McKeown	—
624	605	KOO-MING 20 (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 10-9	B Powell	—
626		STRONG LANGUAGE 57F (T Burrage) M Madgwick 10-9	H Davies	—
627		TREMMIN 44F (Mrs R Manning) R Manning 10-9	G Morgan (7)	—
628		VITAL SPLENDID 69F (D Holly) D Holly 10-9	P Johnson (7)	—

BETTING: 7-4 Look Lively, 7-2 Runton, 5-1 Deep Sensation, 6-1 Masnun, 10-1 Origami, 12-1 Hot Company, 14-1 Tang, 16-1 others.

1987: DUAL CAPACITY 3-11-0 C Smith (12-1) W Musson 25 ran

FORM RUNTON has shown the best hurdles form – a 15l win from Midnight Raver in a slow run Huntingdon novice (2m 100yd, good to firm). ORIGAMI was always thereabouts when 16l 3rd to Great Sailing at Bangor (2m, good) latest start. TANG 33l 4th of 5 to Liadett, one of the best juveniles seen out, at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) last time. IKDAM, a 31,000gns Newmarket July sales purchase, won three on the trot in May and June on the flat.
LOOK LIVELY was a decent maiden on the flat, best effort a ¾l 2nd to Lesbet in a Lingfield maiden.
MASNUN cost 6,000gns at Newmarket July sales. Best three-year-old form 7th of 13 behind George Hobart at Sandown.
No selection.

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Akehurst	5	25	20.0	Dale McKeown	4	14	28.6
D Nicholson	15	99	15.2	C Llewellyn	6	29	20.7
J Jenkins	12	82	14.6	S Smith Eccles	15	84	17.9
O Sherwood	8	58	13.8	S Sherwood	15	92	16.3
P Hobbs	3	23	13.0	H Davies	17	113	15.0
J Gifford	15	123	12.2	P Scudamore	21	141	14.9

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Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Pussy Foot.
1.45 Path's Sister.
2.15 L'Aquino.
2.45 Tyger King.
3.15 Star Maestro.
3.45 Honey Boy Simba.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.15 PUSSY FOOT (nap).
1.45 Turmeric.
2.15 L'Aquino.
2.45 Erivan.
3.15 Star Maestro.
3.45 Chart Cross.

By Michael Seely
1.45 Timsolo. 2.45 ERIVAN (nap).
Marten Julian's (Sunday Times) revised nap: 1.45 CHRISTMAS HOLLY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

Draw: no advantage.

1.15 TENNENTS EXPORT ALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 5f) (9 runners)

3	(3)	04	KING'S WISH 30 (B) (D Hasmstall) J S Wilson 9-0	N Connorton	94
5	(4)	05400	PREVAILING WIND 8 (Crescent UK Ltd) M Brittain 9-0	M Wigham	88
8	(9)	360042	AUNTIE DI 9 (B) (Mrs J Holt) M W Easterby 8-9	M Birch	90
10	(2)	220206	FLYCROFT 8 (V) (D Gibbons) R Whitaker 8-9	Dean McKeown	80
12	(8)	0	INDICATIVE 11 (Miss C McCulloch) M Jarvis 8-9	B Raymond	80
13	(6)	0	KALI KOPELLA 14 (N Tiofall) J Payne 8-9	G Bardwell (3)	—
14	(7)	240063	KENTRA 8 (Mrs I Raine) T Barron 8-9	J Lowe	93
16	(1)	0	MY CONCORDIA 13 (Concorde Bloodstock) D O'Donnell 8-9	K Fallon (3)	—
17	(5)	2	PUSSY FOOT 15 (Mrs C Philipson) M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield	● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Pussy Foot, 11-4 Auntie Di, 9-2 Indicative, 6-1 King's Wish 10-1 Flycroft, 12-1 Kali Kopella, 16-1 others.

1987: SHAY 9-0 K Darley (5-1) M Brittain 8 ran

1.45 TENNENTS NOVEMBER HANDICAP (£1,830: 1m 7f) (13 runners)

3	(1)	132005	TURMERIC 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Morley) D Morley 5-9-10	M Birch	95
6	(8)	304423	PATH'S SISTER 12 (B,CD,G,S) (Miss B Duxbury) C Thornton 7-9-6	T Williams	94
7	(13)	1/6231-0	STATE JESTER 8 (F,S) (E Barber) C Elsey 5-8-3	N Connorton	84
8	(7)	5330/-80	LEON 12 (F,G) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 6-9-1	Kim Tinkler	—
9	(10)	00-55	TEA ROSE 36 (V) (Lord Carnarvon) W Hastings-Bass 9-8-11	Dale Gibson (5)	91
12	(4)	300153	PETER MARTIN 18 (B,CD,F) (F Lee) F Lee 7-8-5	M Wigham	● 99
13	(2)	122303	SPRING FORWARD 37 (CD,G,S) (G Whittaker) R Peacock 4-8-5	J Quinn (3)	98
14	(12)	195440	NORTHGATE DANCER 30 (C,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-5	A Munro (5)	94
15	(11)	341350	KHARIF 8 (B,G) (Tag Design Limited) R Allan 4-8-4	A Mackay	90
17	(5)	600022	ALPHA HELIX 8 (V,C,F) (J Richard) J S Wilson 5-8-0	J Lowe	97
18	(3)	6/-15545	CHRISTMAS HOLLY 162 (S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 7-7-10	S Wood (5)	86
19	(6)	143296	NEEDWOOD NYMPH 5 (G,S) (Needwood Turf) B Morgan 4-7-8	N Gwilliams (7)	94
20	(9)	500-502	TIMSOLO 23 (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 5-7-8	P Burke (5)	95

BETTING: 11-4 Alpha Helix, 7-2 Peter Martin, 4-1 Northgate Dancer, 6-1 Timsolo, 8-1 Path's Sister, 10-1 Spring Forward, 12-1 Turmeric, 16-1 others.

1987: PATH'S SISTER 6-9-7 T Williams (5-1 jt-fav) C Thornton 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Camacho	3	6	50.0	N Day	4	11	36.4
M Prescott	19	67	28.4	T Quinn	3	11	27.3
I Matthews	4	18	22.2	K Fallon	6	24	25.0
S Norton	16	94	17.0	G Duffield	36	152	23.7
Jimmy Fitzgerald	6	36	16.7	A Mackay	10	47	21.3
Mrs G Reveley	11	66	16.7	M Birch	10	57	17.5

2.15 TENNENTS 80 SHILLING ALE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,132: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

2	(6)	540400	BRONZE CROSS 8 (Enderleigh Sport Agencies) T Barron 9-0	M Birch	83
3	(2)	442504	CRUISE SHIP 11 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0	J Lowe	● 99
5	(7)	400302	POWER CRAZY 16 (B) (S Brewer) P Makin 9-0	T Quinn	86
8	(4)	040006	DRAG ARTIST 46 (G,S) (G Wilkie) M Brittain 8-11	M Wigham	84
9	(8)	3	L'AQUINO 13 (J Good) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	86
11	(3)	0-5840	MYSTERIOUS LADY 74 (Mrs V Leary) C Elsey 8-11	K Fallon (3)	73
14	(9)	021044	JIM BRIDGER 11 (C,D,F,G) (A Pilier) W Wilson 8-9	J Quinn (3)	85
16	(1)	0001	HATS HIGH 16 (V,D,S) (S Dinsmore) J S Wilson 8-7	J Carroll	86
19	(5)	400310	FURNACE MILL 11 (S) (J David Abell) P Felgate 8-5	G Duffield	85
20	(10)	55	LESCLACHA 22 (G Turnbull Ltd) M Camacho 8-2	N Connorton	90

BETTING: 11-10 L'Aquino, 3-1 Cruise Ship, 9-2 Power Crazy, 6-1 Jim Bridger, 8-1 Furnace Mill, 12-1 Mysterious Lady, 20-1 others.

1987: HOPPING AROUND 3-9-0 Pat Eddery (3-1) C Thornton 12 ran

2.45 TENNENTS LAGER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 1m) (10 runners)

4	(4)		ERIVAN (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0	M Birch	—
6	(2)	8	HIGH I KEW 12 (Sir Stanley Grinstead) C Wall 9-0	N Day	87
7	(1)	000	KOLINSKY 9 (J Goodman) F Lee 9-0	S Perks	78
8	(5)	60	QUINTO 54 (R Upton) P Makin 9-0	T Quinn	77
10	(10)	05	SECRET DANCER 16 (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 9-0	Dean McKeown	75
12	(6)	0042	TYGER KING 21 (C Marner) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	K Fallon (3)	98
13	(3)	0	ARIBIE 20 (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 8-9	G Bardwell (3)	93
14	(7)	06	CHELSEA GIRL 21 (M Hill) M Jarvis 8-9	B Raymond	87
15	(9)	002	DUNCTON HILL 7 (7) (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield	● 99
18	(8)		MAJESTIC IMAGE (G Strawbridge) W Hastings-Bass 8-9	Dale Gibson (5)	—

BETTING: 4-5 Erivan, 5-2 Duncton Hill, 5-1 Chelsea Girl, 8-1 Tyger King, 12-1 Secret Dancer, 16-1 others.

1987: IMAGINARY SOUND 9-0 T Quinn (6-1) R Williams 15 ran

3.15 TENNENTS SPECIAL SELLING STAKES (£1,245: 1m) (16 runners)

1	(4)	441146	MUBDI 12 (C,D,F,S) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 4-9-5	Kim Tinkler	90
3	(16)	061662	STAR MAESTRO 36 (D,G,S) (T Wood) J Pearce 6-9-5	J Lowe	86
4	(13)	100300	SPANISH INFANTA 8 (D,F) (E Rollinson) P Felgate 5-9-2	G Duffield	73
6	(6)	0-00600	AKROTIRI BAY 8 (D,F) (B Bates) D Wilson 4-9-0	T Quinn	—
7	(14)	10500-0	BANTEL BLAZER 12J (B,D,S) (Bantel Limited) Miss M Bell 4-9-0	S Webster	—
10	(5)	000026	GOTHIC FORD 7 (C,BF,S) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 4-9-0	M Birch	86
11	(3)	500366	GRUNDY LANE 8 (D,S) (B Morgan) B Morgan 6-9-0	C Hodgson (7)	● 99
13	(2)	00000-2	LONG BAY 131 (G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 6-9-0	M Rimmer	66
15	(7)	600068	TRUE GENT 12 (F) (H Ashworth) C Bell 4-9-0	K Fallon (3)	91
18	(10)	00-0000	HIGHLAND TALE 65 (D,G) (M Hickey) A Davison 5-8-11	G Bardwell (3)	—
19	(15)	500000	KEEP COOL 39 (D,F) (Mrs J Bigg) R Hollinshead 5-8-11	A Culhane (3)	—
21	(12)	296006	SHY MISTRESS 8 (G) (J Abbey) A Jones 5-8-11	N Gwilliams (7)	78
22	(1)	030050	SNOW LADY 5 (CD,F) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 4-8-11	N Day	90
23	(8)	153550-	LYNSDALE BOY 79J (F) (M Walker) D Yeoman 3-8-10	—	84
33	(11)	204200	AUTOMART 39 (P Quinn) W Bentley 3-8-2	P Burke (5)	93
36	(9)	052050	TEMPT PROVIDENCE 16 (R Cockerell Ltd) C Booth 3-8-2	L Charnock	90

BETTING: 4-1 Mubdi, 9-2 Long Bay, 5-1 Gothic Ford, Star Maestro, 8-1 Snow Lady, Tempt Providence, 10-1 True Gent, 12-1 Akrotiri Bay, 14-1 others.

1987: LINBAB 4-8-9 T Quinn (100-30) J Bradley 15 ran

3.45 TENNENTS L A NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,844: 7f) (8 runners)

3	(4)	235013	MARABEAU SPECIAL 16 (BF,S) (C Blowill Jr) M Prescott 9-7	G Duffield	97
4	(8)	400014	APHABEL 9 (C,F) (Vickers Shopfitters) S Norton 9-1	G Hind (5)	89
6	(1)	40001	THRINTOFT 30 (CD,F) (W Swiers) T Barron 8-12	M Birch	90
8	(5)	804122	HONEY BOY SIMBA 16 (D,BF,F) (Oaklea Bloodstock) E Alston 8-10	J Fortune (7)	● 99
9	(7)	450620	MOHAMMED EL-SAHN 22 (A Razzak) D Morley 8-8	J Lowe	93
12	(3)	036414	FIT FOR COUNSEL 12 (D,G) (A Loveridge) C Thornton 8-3 (5ex)	L Charnock	94
13	(2)	0002	CHART CROSS 22 (M Poole) N Callaghan 8-2	G Bardwell (3)	87
16	(6)	50000	SABI JAI 30 (Mrs L Foster) P Calver 7-12	J Quinn (3)	88

BETTING: 11-4 Chart Cross, 100-30 Honey Boy Simba, 9-2 Marabeau Special, 6-1 Thrintoft, 8-1 Fit For Counsel, 10-1 Aphabel, 12-1 others.

1987: VALTAKI 8-5 Pat Eddery (6-1) N Callaghan 12 ran

Asmussen breaks Saint-Martin record

Cash Asmussen broke Yves Saint-Martin's French record of 184 winners, set in 1964, when he rode Vamparella to victory at Rouen yesterday.

Vamparella is trained by Patrick Louis Biancone and Asmussen wore the famous red and blue silks of Calumet Farm, which have been carried to victory in eight Kentucky Derbys. Worldwide, Asmussen has ridden 200 winners this season.

- Sheikh Mohammed has supplemented Fair Judgment, Reprimand and Royal Touch for the Prix Perth at Saint-Cloud on Saturday in an attempt to become French champion owner.

Cecil critical of pressure from Lord Fairhaven

From Michael Seely, Churchill Downs, Kentucky

Henry Cecil was yesterday bitterly resenting the pressure from Lord Fairhaven, the senior steward of the Jockey Club, which has resulted in the champion trainer saying that he will refrain from administering Bute, a painkilling drug, to Indian Skimmer before Saturday's $2 million Breeders' Cup Turf.

"I consider Lord Fairhaven's interference to be totally unnecessary and out of order. It's a different world out there. We want to win and to do that you have to compete on level terms."

Cecil then spelt out the problems which will confront Sheikh Mohammed's mare in Kentucky.

"She only arrives out there this afternoon and then she goes into quarantine. We'll be lucky to get her out on the track on Thursday. We'll only be able to get one bit of work into her.

"We've had problems with her back and shoulders and she'll probably be stiff. She'll be an ambassadress for Britain when she goes out on the track on Saturday. So I wanted to be able to give her the necessary help on ground that is likely to be firm."

The trainer considers the Jockey Club's attitude to be inconsistent. "They will never be able to ban the use of medication in the States. The dirt surfaces of the tracks and gallops are too demanding. If they ban drugs there wouldn't be enough horses to go round."

He then gave his reasons for bowing to public opinion. "I don't want Sheikh Mohammed getting any flak over this. It was entirely my decision. I just got sick and tired of all the hassle. And I didn't want to see headlines on Sunday morning saying 'Doped horse wins Breeders' Cup'."

The trouble is that Cecil has been inconsistent in his attitude. Recently he went on record stating that he was against the use of medication. And Lord Fairhaven was doubtless horrified to see a change of heart coming from one of the most respected figures in the sport.

Cecil also denied that the use of Bute would in any way have been harmful to Indian Skimmer. "After all, no one says that aspirins do any harm to a man with a headache."

Breeders' Cup fever is already starting to grip the home of American racing. The temperature dropped to near freezing at night, but yesterday at midday it had risen into the sixties as the sun shone down from a cloudless sky.

The grass on the outfield was firm but watery and a thick covering of turf on the track itself had made the going good.

Together with Indian Skimmer, Warning arrived yesterday and went into quarantine. Infamy and Eloquent Minister, Tommy Stack's recent Doncaster winner, who runs in the Juvenile Fillies, were out of quarantine yesterday. Eloquent Minister was due to work on the track after racing.

Both Miesque and Ravinella were in action in the morning. Miesque, who will be attempting to repeat her 1987 win in the Breeders' Cup Mile, cantered a circuit and half of the dirt course with Savannah's Honor, her stable companion, who is due to contest a non-Breeders' Cup event on Sunday.

Both Guy Harwood and Luca Cumani have already stated that neither Warning or Infamy will be given Bute.

Cup goes to Empire Rose

Empire Rose, beaten in a photo 12 months ago, landed the spoils in a driving finish to the £417,315 Foster's Melbourne Cup before a crowd of 90,000 at Flemington yesterday.

Tony Allan was left in front on the New Zealand-trained mare when Authaal dropped back two furlongs out. The pair seemed assured of victory entering the final furlong, but Mick Dittman conjured a fine late run out of Natski and there was only a short head between them at the line.

Natski, who won a minor race for Luca Cumani when trained in England, had bad well over 10 lengths to make up as they turned for home.

The winner had headed the ante-post market for most of last week but was sent off 5-1 joint-favourite with the runner-up. Na Botto, a 50-1 chance, finished a further length away third.

Empire Rose was winning the Cup at the third time of asking. Aside from her second last year, she had finished fifth in the 1986 running when with Bart Cummings. She is now trained by Laurie Laxton.

The mare has become a great favourite with the crowds due, in part, to her size. Standing at over 17 hands and weighing 650 kilos, Empire Rose carried more weight than any mare before her in the Cup's history, and became the tenth of her sex to triumph.

Leading fancies drop out of Doncaster race

Celtic Ring, Gaasid and Own Free Will, all 16-1 chances in the sponsors' ante-post list for Saturday's William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster, were among the withdrawals at yesterday's four-day declaration stage.

With the weights raised 6lb, last year's winner Swingit Gunner now heads the handicap on 9st 10lb.

FOUR-DAY DECLARATIONS: Swingit Gunner 7-9-10, Aim To Please 4-9-2, Professional Girl 4-9-2, Loch Monar 4-8-12, Genobra 4-8-11, Buzzbomb 3-8-11, First Division 5-8-10, Greenhills Joy 5-8-9, Tancred Sand 5-8-9 (4ex), Docksider 5-8-7, Empire Blue 5-8-6, Freeby's Preacher 4-8-6, Sprowston Boy 5-8-5, Kalshan 4-8-4, Legendary Dancer 3-8-4, Hauwmal 5-8-1, Daily Sport Soon 3-8-1 (4ex), Twenty One Red 3-8-0, Nicholas Mark 4-8-0 (8ex), Ballydurrow 11-7-10, Bush Hill 3-7-10, Young Benz 4-7-10, Homme D'Affaire 5-7-10, Olympic Times 6-7-10, Regal Ambition 4-7-7, Away We Go 6-7-7, Quiet Riot 6-7-7, Sheer Nectar 5-7-6, Rodomont 4-7-5, Harmonical 3-7-5, Hopping Around 4-7-5, Moon Sunshine 3-7-0, Burcroft 4-6-13, Silk Thread 5-6-12 (8ex), Colombiere 3-6-11, Dynamic Star 4-6-4, Hightown Fontana 7-5-8. 37 declared.

LATEST BETTING: Corals: 5-1 Tancred Sand, 9-1 Buzzbomb, 14-1 Professional Girl, 16-1 Swingit Gunner, Docksider, Freeby's Preacher, Legendary Dancer, Homme D'Affaire, 20-1 bar. Ladbrokes: 9-2 Tancred Sand, 8-1 Buzzbomb, 10-1 Freeby's Preacher, 14-1 Professional Girl, 16-1 bar.

Kempton drops out of all-weather running

By Graham Rock

Kempton Park has decided against constructing an all-weather track, and will not attend the Levy Board meeting on November 16. The racecourse board felt that, whatever happened, the sprint course would be a casualty of an all-weather plan, and have decided to reappraise their priorities.

Major Webster, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "Our board met this morning and the question was whether we were prepared to compromise one way or another on the Flat racing here.

"The best solution would have been to put the all-weather track closest to the grandstand, which was unacceptable, and we now wish to consolidate and build on our Flat racing programme."

With Kempton out of the running, the way now looks clear for Lingfield to stage all-weather racing in the south.

Geoff Stickles, clerk of the course, said: "Competition is a good thing, but this is good news for us. Assuming the racing authorities are happy with our technical arrangements, and still want a southern venue, we would be in a position to race on October 30 next year."

Lingfield was sold to Leisure Investments for £7 million last month, and the new company has ambitious plans including a 10-furlong Fibresand track inside the existing course.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Leicester

Going: good

1.0 (1m) 1, MARINE DIVER (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Supreme Heights (W Newnes, 33-1); 3, Rashtoun (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Night Fighter (6th), 100-30 Phantom Affair (4th), 12 Bellington, Simply Swell, 14 Try Me Now, 25 Cerro Toloio, Chateau De Lyons, 33 Presage, Rainbow Dancer, Town Patrol (5th), Beltalong, Game Of Dominoes. 15 ran. 3l, nk, 1l, hd, 1l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £1.70; £2.90, £6.10, £3.00. DF: £277.20. CSF: £150.69.

1.30 (1m) 1, STAFF APPROVED (W R Swinburn, 10-1); 2, Silkond (G Bardwell, 20-1); 3, Peace King (Pat Eddery, 4-7 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Rendezvous Bay (5th), 9 Drumhead (4th), 10 Above Dispute, 20 Charly O'Brian, Master Plan, 25 Palace Coup, 33 Miracle Worker, Supreme Warrior, Lirchur, Over The Rocks, Phantom Singer (6th). 14 ran. 1½l, 1½l, ¾l, 4l, 2l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £19.20; £3.80, £11.60, £1.20. DF: £169.50. CSF: £179.29.

2.0 (1m 4f) 1, ALVECOTE LADY (G Hind, 8-1); 2, Call A Truce (N Connorton, 4-1 fav); 3, My Swan Song (I Johnson, 33-1); 4, T Catty (Kim Tinkler, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Dreaming Star, One Heart, What A Snip, 14 Audnina, Crackernac, 16 Bold Bonny, Miller's Gilt (6th), Summer Park (5th), 20 Silver Arch, Fly Concorde, 33 Jolly Vic, 50 John's Reef, Another Year. 17 ran. 10l, 1l, nk, 1l, 2l. P Felgate at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £8.70; £1.80, £1.10, £19.40, £3.40. DF: £13.70. CSF: £37.43. Tricast: £930.79. Bought in 8,500gns.

2.30 (1m) 1, CEDAR SHELL (N Connorton, 14-1); 2, Touching Star (B Raymond, 12-1); 3, Mac's Sister (R Cochrane, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Native Romance, 15-2 Final Flutter (6th), 8-1 Jolie De Rose (4th), 10 Tropical Gold, 12 Cedars Rock (f), Really Gorgeous, 14 Hogan's Run, Smack On Target, Straw Castle, 20 Primacara, 25 Swiss Ball, 33 Tak Token (5th), Running Fortune, Naughts N'Crosses, Summer Eve, But For Barney, Herbie Jay, Praine Agent, L'Enchere, Park Vista. 23 ran. ¾l, 3l, sh hd, 4l, ¾l. M Camacho at Malton. Tote: £13.30; £5.50, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £73.50. CSF: £165.35.

3.0 (7f) 1, NORTHERN PRINTER (J Fortune, 33-1); 2, Miss Cuddles (J Williams, 9-1); 3, Thunderflash (T Ives, 4-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Brizincote, 6 Positive Attitude (6th), 12 In Glory, 16 Surely Brave, Briery Fille (4th), 33 Buzzards Crest, Cream And Green, Magna Travelle, Treasure Bound, 66 Balanced Realm (5th), Denitz, Coastal Plain, Gem Of Gold. 16 ran. Nk, 3l, 1½l, sh hd, 1½. E Alston at Preston. Tote: £61.50; £15.80, £4.30, £2.50. DF: £147.50. CSF: £296.87.

3.30 (1m) 1, CARANIYA (W R Swinburn, 2-1); 2, Elarqam (G Duffield, 10-1); 3, Pintail Bay (M Rimmer, 50-1) 3, Diana Dee (M Hills, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Albazm (5th), 16 Bonphard (6th), Long Sleeves, 20 Most Of All, 25 Crimson Sky, 33 Gullane, 50 Good Egg, Laughterinparadise, Prince Rob, Alunba Queen. 14 ran. Hd, 5l, dead heat, ¾l, 1l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £2.90, Pintail Bay £11.10, Diana Dee 60p. DF: £15.60. CSF: £21.70.

4.0 (7f) 1, GREENSMITH (Pat Eddery, 1-2 fav); 2, Pant Llin (M Hills, 15-2); 3, Soporific (M Roberts, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Serious Trouble (4th), 25 Fourshoon (6th), 33 Hopeful Charmer (5th), 100 Zafiro. 7 ran. NR: Gathering Speed. 1l, ½l, 3l, 15l, 4l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £5.90. CSF: £5.27.

4.30 (1m) 1, KESWA (A Kimberley, 8-1); 2, Alwak (W R Swinburn, 7-4 fav); 3, Baby Viz (J Reid, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Bilander (6th), 14 Switched On (4th), 16 Flight Of Fanatsy, 20 Trug, 25 South Stack (5th), 33 Les Tamaris, 50 Final Shoe, Philipponnat, Pymarna Top, Savenbi, Aahsaylad. 14 ran. ¾l, 5l, sh hd, 1l, ¾l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £10.70; £2.80, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £6.80. CSF: £21.70.

Placepot: £23.50.

Blinkered first time

EDINBURGH: 1.15 King's Wish. 1.45 Tea Rose.

Fontwell Park

Going: good

12.45 (2m 6f hdle) 1, CABALLINE (H Davies, 20-1); 2, Kamadoor (J Frost, 9-4); 3, Jollienne (R Dunwoody, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Radwhaw (4th), 9 Pensioner Patch, 12 Air Broker (5th), 14 Saint Fred (6th), Shamus O'Rapidy, 25 Antibiotic (pu), Louder Than Words, Rosoglio, 50 Beau d'Orleans (pu), Main Star, Mishy's Star, Tower Bay. 15 ran. Sh hd, 4l, 3l, 6l, 2l. M Haynes at Epsom. Tote: £16.50; £3.50, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £19.80. CSF: £95.74.

1.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, WE'RE IN THE MONEY (S Sherwood, 4-7 fav); 2, Palmerston Boy (G Moore, 7-1); 3, Foreign Knight (W McFarland, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 25 Prying Nell (pu). 4 ran. 15l, dist. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £1.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.52. Winner sold to P Evans for 2,700gns.

1.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, DAVY'S WEIR (R Rowe, 15-8 fav); 2, The Luckpenny Man (M Perrett, 3-1); 3, More One (N Coleman, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Butlers Pet (5th), 10 Snitterfield (6th), 12 Boardmans Style, Kilsyth, Schlemmer (4th), 25 Wingetts. 9 ran. NR: Archers Prince. ½l, 8l, 7l, 2l, 5l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £1.30, £3.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.45. Tricast: £86.48.

2.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, HEART OF STONE (Dale McKeown, 14-1); 2, Lyphento (R Rowe, 6-4 fav); 3, Highland Bounty (Richard Guest, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Silver Ocean (f), 8 Man O'Magic (4th), Mr Trumps, 14 Canoness (6th), 33 Coral Leisure (5th), Rix Woodcock, 50 Hasty Gamble, Royal Saga. 11 ran. 1l, 2l, ½l, 8l, ¾l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £15.60; £3.30, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £11.70. CSF: £34.32. Tricast: £145.13.

2.45 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, WAY UNDER (J Railton, 8-1); 2, Breenamore (S McKeever, 9-1); 3, Le Grand Maitre (P McDermott, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Dr Pepper (5th), 9-2 Western Tint (5th), 10 Flamenco Dancer, 16 Pollon (ur), 25 Flying X-Ray (4th), 33 Kilcrea Lad (pu). 9 ran. Non runner: Mr Peacock. Hd, 6l, 1l, 7l, 3l. D Nugent at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £38.40. CSF: £67.25. Tricast: £267.61.

3.15 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, SOUTHERNAIR (S Sherwood, 4-5 fav); 2, Feenia (H Davies, 9-1); 3, Kingsbrook (J Railton, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Secret Rite (f), 13-2 Baraoora (5th), 12 Canuck Clown (f), 20 Copgrove (6th), 50 Campus Boy (f), Little General (pu), The Cobalt Unit (pu), Vanashing Tanner (4th). 11 ran. ½l, dist, hd, 6l, 8l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.30, £49.90. DF: £6.60. CSF: £8.49.

3.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, PAMBER PRIORY (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Unique New York (P Scudamore, 8-1); 3, Short List (R Rowe, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Midnight Storm (6th), 8 Kelly's Insurance (4th), 14 Alrafan (5th), 33 Friday Club, 100 Evesham Butchers, Brown Lee. 9 ran. NR: Amari King, Square One. 4l, 2½l, 3l, 2½l, 3l. B Smart at Lambourn. Tote: £5.40; £1.20, £2.50, £1.60. DF: £27.80. CSF: £28.44.

Placepot: £14.10

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Figures suggest that Gatting's actions on behalf of the England team in Pakistan last winter may well have a solid foundation

Claim for neutral umpires boosted by statistics

By Giles Lyon

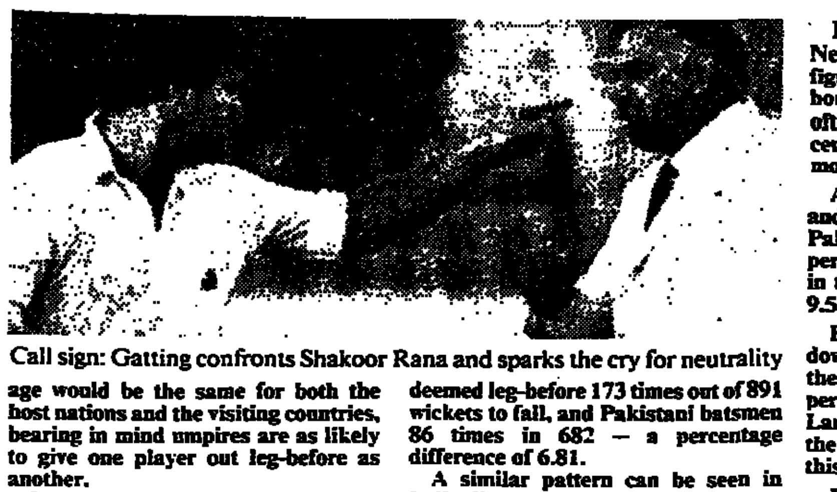
Ever since the captain of England, Mike Gatting, shook his finger at Shakoor Rana, the umpire, in Pakistan last winter, there has been an ever-louder call for neutral umpires in cricket.

The atmosphere of bad feeling was further highlighted during Australia's recent tour of Pakistan, with Allan Border threatening to pull his side out of the series ater a number of apparently dubious decisions had contributed to their defeat by an innings and 188 runs in the first Test.

Thankfully, he was persuaded by the Australian Cricket Board to continue with the tour, but this incident emphasized the suspicions harboured by touring teams about the integrity of many "home" umpires.

To point the finger at any one country at any one time is unwise and unproductive: umpires react in the heat of the moment and cannot be condemned for isolated decisions or the views of certain individuals.

So, in attempting to put the problem into perspective, I have looked at Test scorecards over the past 20 years and analysed the percentage of leg-before decisions — the most controversial of decisions — given against touring teams and home sides in relation to the total number of wickets taken.



Call sign: Gatting confronts Shakoor Rana and sparks the cry for neutrality

One would assume that the percentage would be the same for both the host nations and the visiting countries, bearing in mind umpires are as likely to give one player out leg-before as another.

In the 482 Tests played between 1967 and the Australia tour to Pakistan which finished last month, home umpires gave their own batsmen out leg-before 12.26 per cent of all the wickets lost, compared with 13.79 per cent for the tourists: 875 times out of 7,138 against 1,052 in 7,628 wickets down for their visitots. So players were 1.53 per cent more likely to fall leg-before when batting in Tests abroad.

In Pakistan, where much of the criticism over umpires has been directed, the margin is greater. In 57 Tests there, touring players have been deemed leg-before 173 times out of 891 wickets to fall, and Pakistani batsmen 86 times in 682 — a percentage difference of 6.81.

A similar pattern can be seen in India. The home players have been out leg-before 142 of their 1,181 wickets to fall, compared with with 197 times in 1,172 for visitors. Indian umpires give their own countrymen out leg-before 6.78 per cent less often than their opponents.

In Sri Lanka, the discrepancy is again in favour of the home side. They seem to treat tourists most severely, giving leg-before 16.78 per cent more often than against visiting batsmen. However, it must be said that these figures are taken from just 12 Tests staged there.

In those series where England and New Zealand have played host, the figures are reversed. The umpires give home batsmen out leg-before more often than the opposition; 1.81 per cent more in England and 1.08 per cent more in New Zealand.

According to this analysis, England and New Zealand come off worse. In Pakistan, England are leg-before 3.35 per cent more often, in Australia 4.15, in the West Indies 0.91, and in India 9.5.

But English umpires appear to do down India and Sri Lanka, giving them out more often 0.96 and 25.07 per cent respectively. Though with Sri Lanka, the figures are taken from just the recent couple of Tests played in this country.

Looking at the overall figures, there is certainly a marked difference in figures for home and away sides. They by no means suggest there is foul play, but they serve as ammunition for the advocates of a neutral umpiring system in Test cricket. This scheme would reduce any doubt about the impartiality of officials: contentious verdicts would then be seen not as biased umpiring but as poor umpiring.

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LEG-BEFORE DECISIONS IN TESTS 1967 TO 1988

ENGLAND

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
Australia	32	501	79	15.76	517	76	14.70	+1.06
W Indies	26	468	89	19.01	350	49	13.61	+5.40
N Z'land	16	242	35	14.46	269	34	12.63	+1.83
India	19	253	24	9.48	316	33	10.44	-0.96
Pakistan	20	265	35	13.20	283	33	11.66	+1.54
Sri Lanka	2	23	1	4.34	34	10	29.41	-25.07
TOTAL	112	1752	263	15.01	1779	235	13.20	+1.81

AUSTRALIA

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
England	33	547	42	7.67	558	66	11.82	-4.15
W Indies	22	361	39	10.80	382	38	9.94	+0.86
N Z'land	12	168	25	14.88	212	25	11.79	+3.09
India	15	261	33	12.64	251	29	11.55	+1.09
Pakistan	18	226	27	11.94	277	25	9.02	+2.92
Sri Lanka	1	10	1	10.00	20	4	20.00	-10.00
TOTAL	99	1573	167	10.61	1700	187	11.00	-0.39

WEST INDIES

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
England	19	236	32	13.55	325	47	14.46	-0.91
Australia	13	206	27	13.10	254	27	10.62	+2.48
N Z'land	9	117	14	11.96	125	19	15.20	-3.24
India	14	186	13	6.98	202	19	9.40	-2.42
Pakistan	8	142	17	11.97	149	18	12.08	-0.11
TOTAL	63	887	103	11.61	1055	130	12.32	-0.71

NEW ZEALAND

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
England	13	191	28	14.65	166	15	9.03	+5.62
Australia	11	154	19	12.33	158	16	10.12	+2.21
W Indies	9	140	21	15.00	140	19	13.57	+1.43
India	10	154	14	9.09	160	11	6.87	+2.22
Pakistan	9	135	9	6.66	131	17	12.97	-6.31
Sri Lanka	2	24	1	4.16	40	5	12.50	-8.34
TOTAL	54	798	92	11.52	795	83	10.44	+1.08

INDIA

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
England	22	340	35	10.29	298	59	19.79	-9.50
Australia	14	182	21	11.53	205	34	16.58	-5.05
W Indies	21	338	45	13.31	293	46	15.69	-2.38
N Z'land	8	97	10	9.70	115	15	13.04	-3.34
Pakistan	14	188	23	12.23	191	29	15.18	-2.95
Sri Lanka	4	36	8	22.22	70	14	20.00	+2.22
TOTAL	81	1181	142	12.02	1172	197	16.80	-6.78

PAKISTAN

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
England	15	181	23	12.70	218	35	16.05	-3.35
Australia	9	94	11	11.70	151	35	23.17	-11.47
W Indies	7	121	19	15.70	99	32	32.32	-16.62
N Z land	9	127	16	12.59	157	19	12.10	+0.49
India	11	96	8	8.33	158	33	20.88	-12.55
Sri Lanka	6	63	9	14.28	108	19	17.59	-3.31
TOTAL	57	682	86	12.50	891	173	19.41	-6.81

SRI LANKA

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
TOTAL	12	198	15	7.57	156	38	24.35	-16.78

SOUTH AFRICA

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
TOTAL	4	67	7	10.44	80	9	11.25	-0.81

SUMMARY

	Home				Visitors			
Visitors	Tests	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	Wkts	lbws	%lbw	%diff
England	112	1,752	263	15.01	1,779	235	13.20	+1.81
Australia	99	1,573	167	10.61	1,700	187	11.00	-0.39
W Indies	63	887	103	11.61	1,055	130	12.32	-0.71
N Z'land	54	798	92	11.52	795	83	10.44	+1.08
India	81	1,181	142	12.02	1,172	197	16.80	-6.78
Pakistan	57	682	86	12.60	891	173	19.41	-6.81
Sri Lanka	12	198	15	7.57	156	38	24.35	-16.78
S Africa	4	67	7	10.44	80	9	11.25	-0.81
TOTAL	482	7,136	875	12.26	7,628	1,052	13.79	-1.53

● *Compiled by Richard Lockwood*

BOXING

Mitchell sure that gentle touch will see off McDonnell

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

While Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, is waiting in his dressing-room at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre tonight before entering the ring to defend his World Boxing Association super-featherweight title against Jim McDonnell, of Stepney, he will say a prayer for himself — and for McDonnell.

The reason for this unusual act is that the champion does not want McDonnell to be injured in any way in the bout. "We are Christians," Mitchell's trainer, Carlos Jacoma, an Argentinian, said. "We don't want to knock him out or hurt him in any way, we just want to retain the title."

A new line in gamesmanship one might think, but Jacoma seemed sincere. He said Mitchell's concern stemmed from the fact that four of his five world title opponents have not been the same after defeats by Mitchell. "Alfredo Layne wasn't the same after Brian knocked him out and he retired; the same with José Rivera, Rocky Fernandez and Salvatore Curcetti. Only the Frenchman, Daniel Londas, is still there."

Jacoma, who took over from Willie Toweel as trainer, admitted that they knew nothing about McDonnell's style. They had asked Mickey Duff, the promoter, for tapes, but had not received any.

But the South Africans are not worried: they believe Mitchell is capable of taking care of the challenger because "he has become an even better fighter than when he won the title. He has kept on learning with every fight. In the old days he used to depend on power and strength, but these days he is a thinking fighter. His knowledge adds fluency to power," Jacoma said.

McDonnell might be slightly amused by Mitchell's concern for his well-being because the Londoner has never had any trouble looking after himself in the ring, and has an unbeaten 24-out-of-24 record. McDonnell, too, is a thinking boxer; in fact, of all Terry Lawless's boxers he is the most tactically oriented and is one of few British boxers who can vary and change directions during a contest to manoeuvre himself into better striking positions.

McDonnell is not a heavy puncher and prefers to box around an opponent picking up the points with long, stiff jabs until it is safe to go in and unleash his stinging combinations.

Against Mitchell, who has won 35 of his 38 bouts, McDonnell is almost certain to adopt these tactics, and depend on his longer reach to keep him in front.

Mitchell, who has an exceptionally high work-rate, says he knows enough to draw McDonnell in. "If he wants the title he has to come and get it," Jacoma said. If McDonnell can stay outside he can win, but if the champion catches him with a good shot and moves in, McDonnell could be stopped.

Hardy is heartened by past performances

Billy Hardy, of Sunderland, challenges Angel Belcastro for the European bantamweight title in the Italian's home town of Fuscaldo today.

Hardy's last bout in Italy, three years ago, was also his last defeat, a fourth-round non-title loss to Valerio Nati. Since then he has won all his eight contests, capturing the British crown from Ray Gilbody and scoring a knockout victory over John Hyland in the second round of his first defence.

Hardy can take heart from the fact that Lloyd Honeyghan and Duke McKenzie, both British world champions, both had European title victories in Italy — Honeyghan capturing the welterweight crown from Gianfranco Rosi in the third round in 1985, and McKenzie gaining a points decision over Piero Pinna 23 months ago.

Hardy will be looking for an inside-the-distance win, bearing in mind that home-town crowds can sway decisions. His manager, Dennie Mancini, who was unsuccessful in having the bout staged in the north-east, said: "He's got a real chance."

One for the bag on the rainbow chase

The lush Central Highlands of Tasmania bear a passing resemblance to our native countryside, but that fact will hold little comfort for the England team in its quest to retain the world fly fishing championship, held there from November 26 to December 2 (Mark Herbert writes).

Geoffrey Clarkson, the England captain, faces different conditions to those of last May, when the team title was won on the large, deep lakes of Grafham Water and Rutland Water and the prolific River Test in Hampshire. Artificially stocked rainbow trout made up most of the bag.

Tasmania's quarry are a different prospect. The streams and three lakes where the championships will be held are smaller, shallower and clearer, and the brown and rainbow trout, descended from English stock introduced in the 1860s, are feral: small, wary, muscular fish that hunt in the shallow margins and have to be sought on small flies and light leaders.

Australia are likely to dispossess England of the title. Home advantage apart, they have improved in recent years and in 1987 took the prize for the best overseas team. Italy, four times the winners in eight years of competition, are also fancied.

England's best hope in the individual competition is Brian Leadbetter, the world champion, pictured above (left) with Clarkson and a 15½lb rainbow trout taken *in shallow-water practice at Deva Springs, near Winchester, yesterday.*

Clarkson, as captain, organizes tactics and does not fish in the championships. Only trout count on the totals and once netted, they are weighed by scrutineers and returned alive. Each team fishes each section once, so the skill, science and practice that have been put in can be overturned by one factor: luck.

ENGLAND TEAM: G Clarkson (captain), B Leadbetter, D Buck, R Church, J Pawson, B Thomas.

(Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

CRICKET

Hadlee is quickly among the wickets

Delhi (Reuter) — Richard Hadlee shrugged off the irritation of a long delay to the start of New Zealand's opening tour match to dismiss West Zone's leading batsmen yesterday as the home side finished the day at 149 for four.

After the late arrival of the New Zealand kit, Hadlee dismissed the opening batsmen with only nine runs on the board. He added two more to reduce West Zone to 23 for four before Shrikant Kalyani and Tushar Arothe shared an unbroken fifth-wicket partnership.

The start of the three-day match was delayed when the New Zealand kit failed to arrive on time, officials blaming traffic jams on the road between Bombay and the ground. It was a similar situation to one which the Australians faced in 1985, when a delay in the arrival of their gear from Calcutta forced a one-day international against India at Jamshedpur to start several hours late.

The New Zealanders reached Rajkot on Monday evening from Bombay, where they had arrived last week to start a two-month tour. They will play three Test matches and five one-day internationals.

WEST ZONE: First Innings

L Rajput c Blain b Hadlee	1
S Hattangadi b Hadlee	4
S Kalyani not out	81
S Manjrekar c and b Hadlee	7
A Pandya lbw b Hadlee	1
T Arothe not out	47
Extras (nb 8)	8
Total (4 wkts)	149

B Radi, S Kulkarni, R Kulkarni, A Khan and S Ranjane to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-9, 3-21, 4-23.

BOWLING: Hadlee 10-3-24-4; Chatfield 12-3-28-0; Snedden 6-0-19-0; Gray 10-1-39-0; Bracewell 15-5-39-0.

NEW ZEALANDERS: *J G Wright, T J Franklin, A H Jones, M J Greatbatch, K R Rutherford, J G Bracewell, E J Gray, †T E Blain, R J Hadlee, M C Snedden and E J Chatfield.

Discipline looming for Shastri

Dhaka — Ravi Shastri returns home today ostensibly to have treatment for his injured back before the first Test match against New Zealand, starting in Bangalore on November 12 (Javed Akhtar writes). However, team sources reveal Shastri would have been dropped for showing lack of interest had he not been unfit for the opening Asia Cup match against Bangaldesh on October 27.

Shastri's waning interest goes back to the Champions Trophy at Sharjah last month when India lost to Pakistan and the West Indies and Indian officials believed he needed to be disciplined. He is reported to have asked Dr Ali Irani, the team doctor, for a certificate that he was unfit. The doctor refused when he found nothing wrong, the process repeated at Chittagong after six X-rays.

Meanwhile, J. J. Warr, the International Cricket Conference chairman and J. R. Stephenson, the secretary, are due to arrive here tomorrow as guests of the Bangaldesh Cricket Control Board. Talks with Indian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan officials will attempt to solve the apartheid issue which threatens international cricket unity.

Yorkshire aim to profit from catering

Yorkshire County Cricket Club is going into the catering business in an effort to make money out of the first Test and Texaco Trophy games against Australia next summer (Martin Searby writes).

The proceeds from ground advertising and temporary executive boxes go to its landlords, the Leeds Cricket and Rugby Football Club, and Yorkshire intend to use their indoor school, which is situated opposite the Sutcliffe Gates, to offer a Pullman package for business and individual parties.

They have linked up with Peter Parfitt's organization to offer seats, champagne reception, four-course lunch, tea, a free bar, television, telephone and car parking, in a package priced at £129 a head, which is expected to bring a minimum profit of £20,000 to the County.

HOCKEY: JUNIORS STRUGGLE; CUP DRAW YIELDS EARLY EXAMINATION

Sound teamwork gives Australians the edge

By Sydney Friskin

Hockey Association XI	2
Australian IOS	3

An England junior side, respresenting the Hockey Association, was beaten by the Australian Insitute of Sport, at Bisham Abbey, yesterday in a fast and entertaining game played by two extremely talkative sides.

The Australians are a long way through the tour and their teamwork was better. They put the England defence under a lot of pressure in the first half, forcing five short corners and hitting the ball as hard as they could but Luckes, in goal, made three smart saves from Williams, the left-back.

The Australians went ahead in the fifteenth minute from their second short corner, Davies scoring off the rebound, but lost their centre half, Carey, who was hit on the nose from a ball which rose off the stick of Bambury. Mayer levelled the score from a penalty stroke, the Australians having been penalized for stick obstruction.

Bodimead, a fast and improving outside right, put the Australians in the lead in the fourth minute of the second half from a scramble but two minutes later Avery levelled the score from a short corner. Mayer limped off with hamstring trouble and his replacment, Sage, failed to put England in front during a brief period of ascendency by shooting wide.

A heavy price was paid in the end with Davies scoring for the Australians, who will play a more senior England side today at the same venue.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: D Luckes (East Grinstead, sub: A Forshaw, Formby); M Kirkland (Taunton Vale, sub: S Bian, Bristol University), A Waldock (Coventry and North Warwickshire), J Barber (Southgate), G Bambury (Oxford University), A Degun (Barford Tigers), S Avery (Havant), R Garcia (Havant), C Mayer (Tannock, sub: C Sage, Firebrands), J Lee (East Grinstead, sub: A Holmes London University), M Cross (Loughborough University).

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT: L Dreher; A McDonald, T Williams, S Dawkins, A Carey (sub: D Popenbeek), M York, L Bodi nead, J Stacy, S Davies, T Reid, W Arkinstall.

Umpires: N Lockhart (Western Counties) and C Shirley (Australia).

Slough and Southgate meet in a royal duel

By Sydney Friskin

Southgate, the holders, and Slough might have been expected to meet in the later stages of the Nationwide Anglia Cup, but the draw yesterday for the third round of the national club championship could not keep them apart. Slough are the hosts for the match on November 13.

These clubs met last season in the semi-final round when the event was known as the Hockey Association Cup. Southgate won 3-1 and have already played each other in the Poundstretcher National League, Southgate winning 3-0. But Slough, since then, have raised their game, as shown on Sunday, when they made Havant struggle for a 1-0 victory. Regardless of what has happened so far, this match is expected to be a battle royal.

Hounslow, the first winners of the competition, have a home match against Doncaster, now fourth in the second division of the National League and improving with every outing. Welton, well in the running for the first division title, should have an engaging away match against Stourport.

Blackheath, leaders of the London League, who survived a penalty stroke competition against Eastcote in the second round, have drawn an away match against St Albans, now at the top of their form and running up tall scores.

The national club championship is the gateway to the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1990. It is now in its 18th year and is being sponsored for the first time. Nationwide Anglia also support the under-16 and under-18 youth cup.

THIRD ROUND DRAW (November 13): Old Holcombeians v Bream; Teddington v Canterbury; Bromley v Olton and West Warwickshire; Hounslow v Doncaster; South Nottingham v Warrington; Harrogate v Trojans; St Albans v Blackheath; Taunton Vale v Edgbaston; Broxbourne v Kings Heath; Alderley Edge v Bournemouth & West Hants; Cannock v Maidenhead; Marlow v Bournville; Liverpool Sefton v Ipswich; Bloxwich v Timperley; Stourport v Welton; Marlborough v Firebrands; Isca v Hampstead; Harborne v Oxford Hawks; Neston v Purley; Havant v Anchorians; Richmond v Formby; Guildford v East Grinstead; Reading v Gloucester; Slough v Southgate; Peterborough v Harleston Magpies; Sheffield v Wakefield; Old Loughtonians v Bluehearts; Coventry & North Warwickshire v Tulse Hill; Cambridge City v Gore Court; Chelmsworth v Old Tauntonians; Bognor v Fleet; Indian Gymkhana v Westcliff.

Expulsion threat on penalties

Borlange (Reuter) — Cycling and other sports could join weightlifting in finding their Olympic future under threat if their ruling bodies do not increase penalties for drug-taking, a leading expert warned here in Sweden yesterday.

Professor Arne Ljungqvist, a member of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) medical commission, said the threat of banishment was one way of making individual sports tighten up drugs regulations.

"It is too early to threaten, but the IOC may act to bar individual sports from competition in the Olympics if their ruling bodies do not agree to act more harshly against doping offenders," Ljungqvist said.

Weightlifting's future as an Olympic event was thrown into doubt after the Seoul Games because of several drugs scandals. Ljungqvist said one of the problems facing world sport at present was the big differences in penalties which ruling bodies imposed for drug offences.

He cited cycling as an example of a sport which exacts only light penalties for drug-taking. He called for a minimun ban of two years for first-time offenders in all sports. Under the rules of the International Cycling Union (UCI), offenders face a ban of only one month if found taking illegal substances.

Ljungqvist is one of the main speakers at an anti-doping meeting organized in this central Swedish town by the 35-nation European Sports Conference (ESC).

The meeting aims to hammer out a standardized programme of anti-doping rules, including random testing, which could apply to all sports.

● TORONTO: Officials of the Canadian Track and Field Association are trying to establish if the loss of two of this coming winter's indoor track meetings at Toronto and Vancouver is due to declining public interest or an aftermath of the Ben Johnson steroids affair.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Gregory's treble claws back deficit for Essex

By George Chesterton

West Midlands	3
Essex	3

From the first kick in the British Home Stores Under-16 Schools Trophy final between West Midlands and Essex at the Hawthorns, it was clear that this was to be a game of excellence. Although West Midlands went two ahead, and were 2-1 up at half-time, the eventual three-all draw saw justice done.

West Midlands scored after eight minutes from a free kick just outside the penalty area. Bickley curled the ball around a protective wall, the shot just eluded Cheesewright and ducked inside the post. Five minutes later, Bickley scored again from the penalty spot.

For the rest of the first half, sparkling football was played by both sides: there were short, crisp passes, excellent marking, fine handling in each goal and particularly skilful play from each No. 7 — Travis, of West Midlands, and Warden, of Essex. On the half hour, Parlour, of Essex, took a free kick which was blocked and Gregory scored from the rebound. Essex all but equalized in the last minute of the first half when Johnson brushed the bar.

Two minutes into the second half, Gregory made a lot of ground to head a long, flighted cross past Livingstone to make the score two-all. A further period of high class end-to-end exchanges warmed the sadly small crowd. Fifteen minutes from time, Travis made a fast run down the right, his powerful shot was parried but the ball ran free for Manifold to put West Midlands ahead again.

Eight minutes from time, with both sides tiring, Gregory turned and shot in one movement from the edge of the area to score his third goal and to bring the sides level for the last time.

WEST MIDLANDS: G Livingstone; D Storer (sub: A French), H Gerroni, S Brown, R Upton, S Blakemore, D Travis, S Morgan, D Manifold, J Bickley, D Dickson (sub: D Kodua).

ESSEX: J Cheesewright; D O'Connor, G Harrington, J Paddington, S Whitley, R Parlour, D Warden, J Johnson, W Butler, N Gregory, S Gray.

Referee: R Groves (Somerset and Avon).

MODERN PENTATHLON

Manley makes a point

Four years before he turns senior, Craig Manley, aged 17, a sixth former from Camberley, Surrey, excelled himself at the world junior championships in Cairo, exceeding the coveted 5,000 points mark for the first time (Michael Coleman writes).

His total of 5,045 points placed him fifteenth in a field of 60, several of whom had competed at the Seoul Olympics.

Manley's swim (1,256pts) was worthy of a senior as was the 193 (978pts) pistol shooting of Philip Chaffey, aged 19, from Basingstoke, who also topped 5,000 for the first time with 5,016 for nineteenth place.

The individual title fell to Ferenc Katon (5,535pts), making it a double for Hungary, after Janos Martinek's gold medal at Seoul, but, led by Eduard Zenovka, second on 5,403pts, the Soviet Union drew on its bottomless pit of young talent to win the team event decisively.

RESULTS: 1, F Katon (Hun), 5,535pts; 2, E Zenovka (USSR), 5,403; 3, L Jerar (Bul), 5,398; 4, F Clerca (Fr), 5,391; 5, G Bremel (USSR), 5,239; 6, R Lokhichwili (USSR), 5,219. British: 15, C Manley, 5,045; 19, P Chaffey, 5,016; 54, R Simeon, 4,452. Teams: 1, Soviet Union, 15,881; 2, Hungary, 15,683; 3, France, 15,580; 12, Britain, 14,513.

TENNIS

Smid surprise for Gilbert

Antwerp (AP) — Brad Gilbert, ranked thirteenth in the world and a finallist in the Paris grand prix last week, was beaten 6-1, 6-4 in the first round of the £565,000 European Community championship yesterday by Tomas Smid, of Czechoslovakia.

Smid will now play Andrés Gómez, of Ecuador, in the next round.

In another first round match, the West German, Ricki Osterthun, beat Martin Jaite, of Argentina, 6-3, 7-5, and will meet Henri Leconte in the next round.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Dickerson rushes into record book

Indianapolis (AP) — Eric Dickerson rushed 159 yards to pass 1,000 yards and become the first player to achieve the feat in his first six seasons in the National Football League. To add to Dickerson joining Walter Payton and Franco Harris in the record books for 1,000-plus consistency, he also scored four touchdowns as the Indianapolis Colts stunned the Denver Broncos 55-23.

The Colts, scoring on seven of their nine first possessions, forced four fumbles, sacked Elway, the Broncos quarterback, three times and did not let Denver cross midfield until its seventh possession, five minutes into the second quarter.

The Colts then led 31-0 on Dickerson's highest touchdown record and the first of two field goals by Biasucci. The Colts built the margin to 45-10 at half-time, four short of the NFL points record in a half, held by the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers.

Hogeboom, replacing Chandler at quarterback, threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to Brooks in the second quarter, while Bentley's touchdown kept Indianapolis in touch in the American Conference east division at 4-5 and ensured the most points scored in a Monday night game.

Dickerson, the NFL rushing leader, rushed 21 times, had 124 yards in the first half and was used sparingly in the final two periodsas he raised his season total to 1,038 yards.

Dickerson, who joined Indianapolis in a trade with the Los Angeles Rams on Halloween last year, broke the Colts' record of three rushing touchdowns in a game he previously shared with Alan Ameche, Lenny Moore, Tom Matte, Don McCauley and Randy McMillan.

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RUGBY UNION: AUSTRALIAN MASTER PLAYER REDUCES ENGLAND STUDENTS AND SPECTATORS TO AWED SILENCE

Leeds are inspired to victory by Hill

By Michael Stevenson

Ermysted's GS 3
Leeds GS 31

Having lost comfortably to Ampleforth and narrowly to Mount St Mary's, Leeds GS have not lost another match and they won comfortably again at Skipton yesterday by four goals, a try and a penalty to a penalty.

Leeds lacked fluency and rhythm, so that all their best moves were generated by individualism rather than teamwork. In this context the talent of their fine full back, Hill, shone brightly.

For the losers, Cowley won good ball in the lineout as well as working hard in the loose and Russel, the No. 8, had a fine game, though Ermysted's were giving away considerable weight in the pack. Slater, at full back, was the best of their outsides.

The manner of Leeds's first score suggested the possibility of a landslide. Flint broke clean in the centre, jinked in and accelerated to score, though he injured himself in the process and went off after 17 minutes, to be replaced by N. Smith, who came on into the back row as Craven had moved into the centre.

A brilliant penalty by Hill from the home 10-metre line and almost on touch was followed by Leeds's best move, launched by Robert Smith, with Craven linking neatly to put Stephens in for the try. Good work by Hill and Simmons, after Thompson had won the ruck, made a try for Brier. Leeds had earned a 19-0 interval lead.

Ermysted's pulled back with a penalty by Tiffany and contributed some lively and enterprising rugby in the second half, Russel being robbed of a try when he lost the ball over the Leeds line. But the visitors found better form in the closing stages to run in further tries by Craven and Hill, who contributed 15 points through his try, four conversions and penalty.

SCORERS: Ermysted's GS: Penalty: Tiffany. Leeds GS: Tries: Flint, Stephens, Craven, Brier, Hill. Conversions: Hill (4). Penalty: Hill.

ERMYSTED'S GS: S Slater; K Jolly, D Harrison, O Mack, R Stratton; E Tiffany, J House; S Saunders, D Hayes, S Whittaker, M Baker, I Wallbank, R Cowley, M Follows, B Russel.

LEEDS GS: G Hill; R Smith, J Flint (rep: N Smith), A Scott-Somers, M Elsworth; S Stephens, P Simmons; A Marsh, W Gough, C Thompson, R Breavey, A Armitage, J Smart, T Craven, B Brier.

Referee: J Shaw (Yorkshire).

Sign of the times

Oldham rugby league club, soon to launch a £700,000 share issue, went hi-tech yesterday with the appointment of Brian Kirkham, a computer expert, to handle the share issue and the club's administrative and commercial departments.

Campese's honour graduation

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England Students 13
Australians 36

They said of Peter Jackson, the 1959 British Lion in New Zealand, that all he needed was a trick bicycle to complete his repertoire as an entertainer. David Campese had one of those days at Grange Road, Cambridge, yesterday when he led the Australians to victory by three goals, three tries and two penalty goals to a goal, a try and a penalty in their final game before meeting England on Saturday.

There was nothing in which he was not involved — except the uncalled-for conflict in the opening minutes after Gavin punched Moon and the forwards piled into each other. He scored 20 points, including two tries, from full back, kicked goals, sliced some kicks to touch and launched other *missiles downfield some 60 or* 70 metres. He even reduced one of the most loquacious spectators I have endured at a match to silence — once.

It was a virtuoso display not entirely matched by his colleagues. Given the immaturity of the opposition and the benefit of a 20-3 half-time lead, the Australian management must have hoped their team would cut loose. In fact, in terms of the score, the students improved in the second half, breaking away for two tries despite the loss just before the interval with a leg injury of Simms, their most experienced player.

If frustration can scarcely have been the cause of Gavin's offence, it may well have contributed to Burke's swing at Swann late in the game. This Australian reserve team has been found wanting before on tour, and even though they were faced by a loose, indisciplined student XV, they were unable to impose themselves in the way they would have wished.

At least the students, 11 having experienced the World Cup in France in August, had the limited satisfaction of scoring first and last. Buzza kicked an early penalty but missed with two more and might have served his side better in the second half by trying less himself: he is, though, a talented footballer who will probably express himself best at full back.

Diving display: Moon swings the England Students backs into action at Cambridge yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Campese scored his side's first try, kicked a penalty and was involved in the move which put McBain into the corner — which the full back *promptly converted from* touch, though he was adrift with several other easier kicks. It was typical of Australian midfield difficulties that Walker and Niuqila had a resounding collision in the midst of a switch move before James sidestepped through and Carozza crossed.

The students, limited for possession at the lineout, were unable to free either Lumsden, who came forward strongly, or Underwood. Campese came galloping down the middle before Niuqila scored but then, possibly to their surprise as much as anyone else's, the students caught Campese and Hobbs and Hopley made much of the running before Moon scored what was, for him, a well-earned try.

"Let someone else have a go," the grandstand wag called as Campese surged forward yet again, for Carter to score. He did not: the students lost possession at a tapped penalty and away went Campese for his second try and sixth of the tour overall. The students were far from down: Buzza kicked off to the open side of the field and de Glanville caught the ball on the full before feeding Hopley, who was strong enough to beat off Carozza and score.

SCORERS: Combined England Students: Tries: Moon, Hopley. Conversion: Buzza. Penalty: Buzza. Australians: Tries: Campese (2), McBain, Carozza, Niuqila, Carter. Conversions: Campese (3). Penalties: Campese (2).

COMBINED ENGLAND STUDENTS: A Lumsden (Bath University); P Hopley (St Thomas's Hospital), P de Glanville (Durham), K Simms (St Mary's Hospital, rep: A Hobbs, St Thomas's), A Underwood (Leicester); A Buzza (Cambridge), R Moon (Polytechnic of Wales); V Ubogu (Oxford), J Locke (UWIST), A Mullins (City, captain), J Green (South Glamorgan Institute), T Swann (Liverpool), S O'Leary (St Mary's), A Bick (St Paul and St Mary, Cheltenham), C Vyvyan (Cambridge).

AUSTRALIANS: D Campese (captain); A Niuqila, R Tombs, L Walker, P Carozza; S James, B Burke; R Lawton, M McBain, E McKenzie, S Gourley, R McCall, D Frawley, D Carter, T Gavin.

Referee: G Simmonds (Wales).

Barbarians overrun

Mont de Marsan (AFP) — The former New Zealand captain, David Kirk, discovered what it was like to be at the receiving end of the All Blacks — in the shape of the touring Maoris — when his French Barbarian XV were defeated 31-14 here yesterday.

The visitors, led by Wayne Sheldon who took over the All Black leadership when Kirk retired after helping his country win the World Cup, overran the Barbarians.

The Barbarians held the Maoris to a slender 12-8 half-time lead but then the visitors' strength told. Three second half tries, two by the flanker, Brooke, emphasized the difference between the two sides.

The Maoris have now had six wins, one draw and one defeat on their French Tour.

NZ side features youngsters

The New Zealand *News* youth team begins its six-match tour of Scotland tonight with a floodlit game at Meggatland against the Anglo-Scots under-21 side (Alan Lorimer writes). The party, which flew in from West Germany, practised at Murrayfield yesterday under the coaches, Sid Going and Peter Goldsmith.

Going, a former All Blacks scrum half, rates the present side as "similar in strength to last season's team" which won all its matches on its tour of Wales. While most of the players are aged 19 or 20, there are four only 18, whereas the Scottish under-21 teams may have several over 21 because of the age criterion applied.

TOUR ITINERARY: Today: Anglo-Scots under-21, Edinburgh. Nov 6: North and Midlands under-21, Aberdeen. Nov 10: Glasgow under-21, Glasgow. Nov 13: Edinburgh under-21, Edinburgh. Nov 16: South under-21, Kelso. Nov 19: Scotland under-21, Murrayfield.

GOLF

Soules finds right pitch to take a two-stroke lead

From Patricia Davies, La Manga

Believe it or not, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya is not the only Frenchwoman on the European tour, and yesterday, in the first round of the Qualitair Spanish Open here, it was one of the others who stood up and demanded the attention.

Corinne Soules, the daughter of a teaching professional in Lyons but herself born in Cannes and resident in Paris, shot a 67, six under par, on the tough South course to lead by two strokes from Marie Wennersten-From, of Sweden, and Marjorie Jones, of the United States.

It was not so much her putting as her pitching that made Soules's round. She holed out from 45 yards for an eagle three at the third and chipped in from 10 yards for a birdie two at the eighth to be out in 33, three under par. Two of her three birdies on the second nine were also the result of good approach work and she could have been one shot better if she had not taken three to get down from the back of the last green.

Wennersten-From finds pregnancy an aid to her golf. She swings gently and frequently, opts for a five-wood instead of a long iron to avoid the rushing and lunging that might upset her and her baby's rhythm. Five birdies were proof of its effectiveness yesterday and she dropped only one shot, at the second, where she took three putts.

The baby — Emma if it is a girl, perhaps Frederik if it is a boy — is expected in March, giving its mother just enough time to prepare for the new season.

Peruvians are scarce the tour but Alicia Dibos, from Lima, announced her arrival with a 73, level par, that included an eagle at the 15th. Perhaps she can do for golf in her country what Paddington has done for bears.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: C Soules (Fr). 69: M Wennersten-From (Swe); M Jones (US). 70: B Lunsford (US); D Reid; X Wunsch (Sp); P Conley (US). 71: T Abitbol (Sp); E Glass; S Strudwick; A Jones (Aus); M-L de Taya (Fr). 72: B New; S Moon (US); J Brown; D Dowling; F Descampe (Bel).

Milestone recognized

The Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup team has won the Avia Watches Woman Golfer of the Year Award for the outstanding performance of 1988. The defeat of the United States 11-7 at Royal St George's in June for the second successive time was the first home win since 1956.

The team also received the award in 1986 when Diane Bailey, who was captain again this year, led them to victory at Prairie Dunes, Kansas.

Bailey said: "In many ways the victory in Kent this year was yet another sporting milestone. The Americans came here after much preparation, smarting from their defeat two years earlier, and lost again; it put paid to the doubting Thomases who thought that 1986 was a one-off flash in the pan. Our girls rose magnificently to the occasion."

The trophy and mementoes will be presented in London on December 14.

Questions asked at Wentworth

John Hennessy

The membership of Wentworth, one of the finest golf clubs in Britain, remains in turmoil following an acrimonious annual general meeting which passed unanimously a resolution questioning the propriety of the recent sale of the club to the newly-formed Wentworth Group Holdings.

The club is technically owned by Sir Lindsay Parkinson and Co (SLP), once a giant in the construction industry but now little more than a shell after its *acquisition by Amec, a leading* publicly-quoted company.

SLP's assets, other than the golf club and some adjacent land, were absorbed by Amec before the sale, and the club sold as a separate entity to Wentworth Group Holdings for £17.5 million.

The members' anger at the annual meeting found expression in a three-part resolution, proposed by Gordon Jaynes, an American lawyer, and seconded by Peter Brooks, who, like Jaynes, lives on the Wentworth Estate. It seeks:

1. The names of directors and other officers of both Amec and SLP to see if there has been any conflict of interest.
2. An explanation from Amec of any actions taken to remove assets from SLP prior to its sale.
3. *An* explanation why Amec did not offer the club to its members before the sale.

The third point specifically relates to a deed of trust drawn up by SLP when it acquired the property nearly 30 years ago. SLP then undertook, under the terms of the trust, to give first refusal to the members if ever the club were to be sold.

Some members now feel that this deed may have been violated in the convoluted negotiations leading up to the sale. One said yesterday: "The courts in this country take a serious view where trusts are concerned and demand a very high standard of duty."

Michael Broke, the chairman of Wentworth Group Holdings, fielded a number of hostile questions at the meeting, but gave no indication that he would be prepared to compromise on his company's decision to double members' subscriptions to £1,000 a year, making it the most expensive golf club in the British Isles.

He made it clear that he was concerned to get a commercial return on his lavish investment. He also told members that he expected to invest several millions more on the facilities for the club.

Broke had said last week that he did not expect any resignations from the golf club, "because we shall give value for money. We shall transform Wentworth into the premier golf and country club in Europe." The strength of feeling at the annual meeting on Saturday may have given him cause to reconsider that point at least.

HORSE TRIALS

Honours to Stark and Sir Wattie

By Jenny MacArthur

Ian Stark, the Olympic team and individual silver medal winner, is the leading British horse trials rider for the second year in succession. Stark, who was presented with his award, the Tony Collings Memorial Trophy, at the Horse Trials Group annual conference at Lord's yesterday, was placed at numerous one-day horse trials this year and also won three three-day events on three different horses — Badminton (Sir Wattie), Windsor (Mix 'n Match) and Boekelo in The Netherlands (Murphy Himself).

Most of his points were won on the brilliant 11-year-old Sir Wattie, whose owners, Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott and the Edinburgh Woollen Mill, yesterday received the Calcutta Light Horse Trophy for the horse gaining the highest number of points. Sir Wattie, the winner of two Olympic silver medals as well as a European team gold medal and individual silver medal and two Badminton titles, has been retired to the hunting fields.

Stark, who is in the middle of a course of 12 lecture-demonstrations throughout Britain — he slipped in late for the awards yesterday — is hoping to ride Glenburnie and Murphy Himself at Badminton next year.

Jane Holderness-Roddam, another dual Badminton winner (1968 on Our Nobby and 1978 on Warrior), is to succeed Henrietta Knight as chairman of the horse trials selection committee. Mrs Holderness-Roddam, a member of the 1968 Olympic gold medal winning team, inherits a daunting record. Under Miss Knight, the chairman since 1984, the British team have won two European championships, one world championship and an Olympic team silver medal.

A record 149 horse trials were held in Britain this year, involving 30,000 starters, an increase of six per cent. Despite the loss of several big sponsors this year, Hugh Neill, the chairman of the horse trials committee, said yesterday that there would be 11 new fixtures next year.

The increased number of competitors has highlighted the need for rigorous safety measures at events. Colonel Frank Weldon, who retired this year as director of Badminton, yesterday outlined new safety rules which include the obligatory wearing of back protectors for all competitors and a stipulation that organizers must provide a four-wheel drive vehicle for the doctor. The regulations follow the death of Mark Davies at Burghley in September.

Richard Meade, the president-elect of the British Equestrian Federation and retiring vice-chairman of the horse trials committee, announced yesterday that Davies's parents had set up a fund, "The Mark Davies Injured Riders' Fund," to be administrated from Stoneleigh, the headquarters of horse trials, as a living memorial to that brave rider.

AWARDS: Tony Collings Memorial Trophy: I Stark. Calcutta Light Horse Trophy: Edinburgh Woollen Mill and Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott. Wide Awake Trophy: G McMaster. Eddy Goldman Trophy: W Fox-Pitt. Sir John Burder Trophy: Lyon. Beehive Trophy: K Gifford. Martin Whiteley Trophy: P Muir. BHS Special Award of Merit: Lord Hugh Russell.

SNOOKER

White out to upset a record

From Steve Acteson
Toronto

Jimmy White took full advantage of Steve Longworth's hopelessly ineffectual opposition to beat him 5-0 and reach the quarter-finals of the BCE Canadian Masters in Toronto where, tonight, he tackles Dennis Taylor, Northern Ireland's 1985 world champion.

Taylor has a solid record against everybody and not least against White whom he has toppled four times in their last five meetings. No wonder then that, having speedily despatched Longworth, White immediately turned his attention to another Blackburn-domiciled opponent.

"I've been playing it all wrong against Dennis," he said. "I've been far too open and I've got to put that right this time."

Breaks of 63 and 31 gave White the opening frame against Longworth who then began a sad series of blunders by taking on and missing a risky final blue for White to clear the last three colours and win the second frame 56-53.

Frame three saw Longworth scorn at least four chances to build sizeable breaks before going in-off when leading 41-9. He finally shot himself in the foot once more by miscueing on the final blue.

White's break of 60 took him 48 points ahead in frame four but he then missed a tight red along the rail. After making 34, Longworth played a hopeless safety shot on the last red for White to move 4-0 ahead before delivering the coup de grace with a break of 71.

RESULTS: Fifth round: M Hallett (Eng) bt W King (Aus), 5-2; J White (Eng) bt S Longworth (Eng), 5-0.

BOWLS

Corsie shows a silken touch

By Gordon Allan

Richard Corsie, of Edinburgh, became the first player to reach the quarter-finals of the CIS United Kingdom indoor singles championship when he beat Colin Sommerville, of Blantyre, 2-7, 7-2, 7-4, 4-7, 7-2 in just over *three hours at the Preston Guild* Hall yesterday.

An oddity of Corsie's bowling career is that he has been a member of Scotland's outdoor squad since 1984, but has yet to play for his country indoors. He was a losing semi-finalist in the UK singles in 1985 and a year later won the singles bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Using a new set of bowls with a wide swing, he wore down Sommerville, the Scottish champion, with a stream of accurate drawing shots. Only once, if memory serves, did he have to use weight, whereas Sommerville resorted to it several times — and only once obtained a good result.

Sommerville beat Tony Allcock, the holder, in the first *round and began the match* against Corsie in the same mood. But Corsie, with his silken delivery, found his touch in the second set and never lost it. It was a long, hard match full of skill and character.

Late on Monday evening, David Bryant, the second seed, beat Brett Morley 5-7, 7-3, 7-6. "I don't think I could have played much better," Morley said. Bryant produced the pressure shots in the third set, in which both men saved a match point. Morley held two at 5-5 but Bryant bowled a toucher to a concealed jack.

In the last match of the second round tomorrow, Bryant plays Wynne Richards, who lost the first set to Steven Rankin 0-7 and took the others 7-3 and 7-6. Richards, recently returned from a promotional trip to Spain, went from 0-3 in the second set to the threshold of victory, where Rankin temporarily closed the door.

RESULTS: First round: W Richards (Eng) bt S Rankin (Scot), 0-7, 7-3, 7-6; D Bryant (Eng) bt B Morley (Eng), 5-7, 7-3, 7-6. Second round: R Corsie (Scot) bt C Sommerville (Scot), 2-7, 7-2, 7-4, 4-7, 7-2.

Halifax benefit

Yorkshire, with home advantage against Lancashire, Hampshire and Northumbria at Halifax this weekend, are favourites to retain the inter-county squash rackets championship.

TENNIS

Players brace themselves for split

Conflict between the world's leading professionals and the sport's ruling body will arise if a solution to the rift between them is not found. Representatives of both parties meet today and tomorrow at Queen's Club, London, to begin talks, but a compromise does not appear to be at hand.

The players, fed up with the way the existing tournament circuit is organized, are demanding changes in the system and are determined to break away and establish their own grand prix from January 1990.

It would mean players such as Stefan Edberg, the Wimbledon champion, Ivan Lendl, Mats Wilander and John McEnroe taking over control from their governing body, the Men's Tennis Council (MTC).

The dispute was first aired publicly at the US Open in August, when the players revealed they wanted to their establish their own circuit.

But the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), which has three representatives on the MTC, has already turned down the MTC's revitalized set of plans for the 1990 grand prix.

These included a streamlined calendar with stability for six years, an eight-week break at the end of the season, £4 million for contracts and bonuses, and increased prize-money.

Hamilton Jordan, the ATP executive director, said: "The degree of alienation felt by the players from the present system is enormous . . . simply put, the *ATP and the players continue to* believe a new beginning is necessary."

But his views have brought a predictable response from Marshall Happer III, administrator of the MTC. In a letter to Jordan, he wrote: "While your plan may seem good for ATP in the short term, it is, in my opinion, bad for for the tournaments, national associations and players.

"Under your plan, you would be the circuit owner and promoter and tournament owner and promoter — and the players would be both management and labour."

The four grand slam tournaments — Wimbledon and the US, French and Australian Open tournaments — together with the Davis Cup, will remain *unaffected.*

TABLE TENNIS

England's top trio hope to send China packing

By Richard Eaton

Although China have won the 12-match series, England entered last night's tenth match at Weston-super-Mare with important reasons for wanting to maintain morale. Despite the 4-2 defeat at Eastbourne on Monday, Donald Parker, the captain, believes it is possible to gain the first victory of the series tonight against the world's top nation.

That is because his players have often performed well and at Hinckley. Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke, and Carl Prean, the European silver medal winning trio, are teamed together for the only time in search of a second ever success against China.

This meant that last night's contest was the last for Nicky Mason, the England No. 5, who had such success in the Eastbourne defeat. Mason took advantage of the few moments when Chen Zhibin, China's best player so far, and Fan Yin Yong, the brilliant teenager, were not firing on all cylinders, beating Fan and losing to Chen only 19-21 in the third game.

England's other success came from Douglas who survived a fluctuating first game to quell the forehand pengrip attack of Wang Zhenyi by 21-18, 21-9. The England No. 1 took the first game from Hui Jun, the world No. 9, while Prean, the national top 12 champion, had close matches with both Hui and Chen. If these two Englishmen can conquer tiredness and produce their best when Cooke, the national champion, returns, then St George might just slay the Chinese dragon after all.

RESULTS: England 2, China 4 (English names first): N Mason lost to Chen Zhibin, 8-21, 21-18, 19-21; C Prean lost to Hui Jun, 21-23, 15-21; D Douglas bt Wang Zhenyi 21-18 21-9; Prean lost to Chen, 17-21, 21-13, 12-21; Douglas lost to Hui, 21-19, 16-21, 9-21; Mason bt Fan Yin Yong, 15-21, 21-19, 21-14.

Lobby for Duke

A group of Yorkshire cricket club members has launched a petition asking the County Cricket club's committee to invite the Duke of York to *become president.*

FOOTBALL

Prohaska set for recall by Austrians

Vienna (Reuter) — Austria are likely to seek inspiration from their former midfield player, Herbert Prohaska, when they meet Turkey in a World Cup qualifying tie tonight.

Prohaska, who has 79 caps, has been absent from the Austrian team for more than three years, but is in line for a recall as the Austrians seek to recover some of their diminished international status with success over their fellow-strugglers in the group.

Romania, encouraged by their impressive 3-1 win over Bulgaria last month, will be hoping to move into a strong position at the top of their qualifying group with a win against Greece. With a team built round a core of players from the domestic champions, Steaua Bucharest, Romania have been installed favourites.

Taylor backs Robson on releasing players

By Dennis Shaw

Graham Taylor, backed to succeed Bobby Robson eventually, supports the England manager on the question of releasing players. The Aston Villa manager yesterday condemned any suggestion that Robson faced withdrawals from the trip to Saudi Arabia later this month.

Robson is under severe criticism from club managers who have players in the England squad because of the daunting travel arrangements involved. The squad is due to journey from Riyadh during the night after the Wednesday international returning to England at 6 a.m. on November 17. That would give them little chance of making a recovery before the Saturday games.

Taylor believes this schedule is unavoidable, other than switching the match day to Tuesday, and that clubs should accept the problem to foster national pride. "Any player chosen for England I would release without question," Taylor said.

"From the moment you come into the game the biggest thing is to play for your country. I hope that I never make up and injury so that a player could miss an international or that a player would do so, either."

● Peter Weir, the Leicester City winger, is poised to return to Scotland. St Mirren have agreed a fee of around £100,000. Weir is happy at Filbert Street, but his family have found it difficult to settle in the Midlands after his £70,000 move from Aberdeen last season.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Romania 2, Greece 0. Group three: Austria 3, Turkey 0.
OVENDON PAPERS COMBINATION: Luton 0, Fulham 3; Charlton 2, Oxford Utd 2; Chelsea 1, Ipswich 0; Swindon 6, Reading 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossley 0, Southport 2.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Millwall 0, Oxford 0.

SCHOOLBOY INTERNATIONAL: Northern Ireland 1, France 1.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Portsmouth 0, Ipswich Town 1. Replay: Gillingham 2, West Ham United 1.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS INTER COUNTY SHS FINAL: West Midland Boys 3, Essex Boys 3 (trophy shared).
KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Harlow Town 2, Collier Row 1.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Esgrima La Plata 0, Deportivo Armenio 0 (Armenio win 4-3 on pens). Ferro Carril Oeste 0, Deportivo Español 1; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, Deportivo Mandiyu 1; (San Lorenzo win 3-1 on pens); Boca Juniors 3, Talleres 1; Independiente 1, Estudiantes de la Plata 2. Leading positions: 1, Boca Juniors, played 7, 16pts; 2, Racing Club, 7, 16; 3, Deportivo Español, 7, 15.

SOVIET LEAGUE: Metallist Kharkov 1, Dynamo Moscow 0; Dynamo Minsk 0, Spartak Moscow 2; Zalgiris Vilnius 2, Chernomorets Odessa 1; Lokomotiv Moscow 2, Shakhtyor Donetsk 0; Zenit Leningrad 0, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 1; Dynamo Tbilisi 3, Kairat Alma-Ata 1; Ararat Yerevan 1, Dynamo Kiev 2; Neftchi Baku 1, Torpedo Moscow 1. Leading positions: 1, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, played 27, 40; 2, Spartak Moscow, 27, 37; 3, Dynamo Kiev, 27, 37.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Indianapolis Colts 55, Denver Broncos 23.

BADMINTON

POOLE: Railcards grand prix: Men's singles: D Hall bt S Baddeley 13-18, 15-8, 15-8.

Women's singles: F Smith bt S Sankey 11-7, 11-4. Mixed doubles: A Goode and G Clark bt M Dew and G Gowers 15-9, 14-18, 17-15

CYCLING

GRENOBLE: Six-day race: Fifth day leaders: 1, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr) and D Clark (Aus), 157pts; 2, C Mottet and R Hermann (Liech), 145; 3, P Bincoletto and A Baffi (It), at one lap, 200; 4, L Bijnen and S Tourne (Bel), at four laps, 38; 5, G Lemond (US) and A Doyle (GB), at four laps, 38; 6, J-C Colotti and E de Wilde (Bel), at five laps, 67.

GOLF

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT (Final placings): 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £451,559; 2, N Faldo (GB), £347,971; 3, J-M Olazabal (Sp), £285,564; 4, I Woosnam (GB), £234,990; 5, A Lyle (GB), £186,017; 6, M McNulty (Zim), £180,991; 7, D Smyth (Ire), £171,951; 8, M James (GB), £152,500; 9, R Rafferty (Ire), £132,394; 10, J Rivero (Sp), £131,079.

HUNSTANTON AND BRANCASTER: The Times Editorial Golfing Society Autumn Meeting: 1 J Young 89 pts, 2 R Evans 72; 3, J Davis 70.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary Flames 6, Chicago Black Hawks 3.

SPEEDWAY

WOLVERHAMPTON GRAND FINALE: Wolves 53, Kelly's Heroes 37.

TENNIS

STOCKHOLM: Stockholm Open grand prix championships: First round (Sweden unless stated): M Gustavsson bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-4, 6-2; J Gunnarsson bt J Lozano (Mex), 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; D Goldie (US) bt M Laurendeau (Can), 6-1, 6-2; T Meinecke (WG) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-4, 6-4; D Goldie (US) bt M Laurendeau (Can), 6-1, 6-2; M Larsson bt T Svantesson (Swe), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; L Jonsson bt J Windahl, 6-2, 6-4; J Carlsson bt K Evernden (NZ) 6-1, 6-3; J Frawley (Aus) bt J Bates (GB) 6-4, 6-2; C-U Steeb (WG) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; J Svensson bt V Paloheimo (Fin), 6-3, 6-4; J Kriek (US) bt E Jelen (WG), 3-6, 6-0, 6-3; P Cane (It) bt J Rive (US), 6-4, 6-1; R Seguso (US) bt J Sandberg, 6-1, 6-1; T Wilkison (US) bt T Nelson (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.
ANTWERP: European Community championship: First round: H Skoff (Austria) bt Y Doumbia (Sen), 6-2 6-2; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt J Potier (Fr), 6-1 6-1; M Woodforde (Aus) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-2 7-5; M Schapers (Neth) bt R Krishnan (India), 7-5 6-3; T Smid (Cz) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-1, 6-4; R Osterthun (WG) bt M Jaite (Arg), 6-3, 7-5.
WORCESTER, Massachusetts: New England Virginia Slims tournament: First round (US unless stated): M L Daniels bt C Benjamin, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; A Henricksson bt P Louie Harper, 6-2, 6-4; B Potter bt M McGrath, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2; G Magers bt J Byrne (Aus), 7-5, 6-7, 6-4; I Kuczynska (Pol) bt J Thompson (Aus), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; W White bt M de Swardt (SA), 6-4, 7-5; S Rehe bt M Van Nostrand, 7-5, 6-1
BRAMHALL: Corporate Estates winter indoor series: Boys' singles: Quarter-finals: T Hand (Devon) bt D Loosemore (Wales), 6-3, 7-6; L Sabin (Dorset) bt J Fox (Lincs) 6-3, 6-1; M Coombs (Essex) bt J Delgado (Bucks), 6-2, 7-6; J Hind (Kent) bt N Williams (Wales), 5-7, 7-6, 6-4. Semi-finals: Sabin bt Hand, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; Coombs bt Hind, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0. Final: Sabin bt Coombs 4-2 ret. Girls' singles: Quarter-finals: H Mathews (Berks) bt A Green (Suffolk), 6-0, 6-1; V Gray (Sussex) bt S Tse (IoM), 6-3, 6-2; A Wainwright (Essex) bt L Burns (Cambs), 6-1, 6-4; M Hughes (Wales) bt J Pullin (Sussex), 6-2, 6-0. Semi-finals: Matthews bt Gray, 4-1, 6-1, 6-4; Wainwright bt Hughes, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3. Final: Matthews bt Wainwright, 7-5, 6-0.
GRAND PRIX POSITIONS: Men (top eight qualify for Masters): 1, M Wilander (Swe), 5,875pts; 2, S Edberg (Swe), 4,762; 3, A Agassi (US), 4,328; 4, B Becker (WG), 4,316; 5, I Lendl (Cz), 4,097; 6, J Connors (US), 2,668; 7, T Mayotte (US), 2,613; 8, K Carlsson (Swe), 2,522; 9, H Leconte (Fra), 2,200; 10, Y Noah (Fr), 2,065. Women (top 16 qualify for end-of season competition): 1, S Graf (WG), 5,580pts; 2, M Navratilova (US), 3,855; 3, C Evert (US), 3,490; 4, G Sabatini (Arg), 3,388; 5, P Shriver (US), 2,708; 6, Z Garrison (US), 1,964; 7, H Sukova (Cz), 1,913; 8, M Maleeva (Bul), 1,702; 9, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 1,838; 10, N Zvereva (USSR), 1,634; 11, L McNeil (US), 1,632; 12, S Rehe (US), 1,375; 13, S Hanika (WG), 1,302; 14, K Maleeva (Bul), 1,291; 15, B Potter (US), 1,250; 16, H Kelesi (Can), 1,034.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Combined England Students 13, Australia 35.

RACKETS

THE MANCHESTER GOLD RACQUET: Singles, semi-finals: J Male bt G Mane, 15-8, 15-4; J Prenn bt C Hue Williams, 15-2, 15-10. Final: Prenn bt Male, 16-13, 18-17, 15-12.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Radley (L Danby and M Lowrey) bt Winchester (R Saunders and M Ward), 8-15, 15-4, 15-5, 15-8, 15-11.

REAL TENNIS

THE MANCHESTER GOLD RACQUET: Singles, semi-finals: J Snow bt A Page, 7-5; J Male bt W Fairbairns, 10-2. Final: Snow bt Male, 6-4, 6-2.

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Newcastle deeper in maze as Hay rejects their offer

By Ian Ross

David Hay, the former Scottish international, last night rejected an offer to manage Newcastle United and thereby plunged the club deeper into the managerial maze from which it was confident it had emerged.

Newcastle had been preparing to announce the appointment of Hay as the successor to Willie McFaul, who was dismissed on October 10, but Hay rejected the first division club's offer after being informed that he would be employed only until the end of this season, after which his performance would be reviewed.

Hay, who has been out of management since he was dismissed by Celtic 18 months ago, wanted a permanent, not a temporary, appointment and is believed to have demanded a three-year contract.

So less than 24 hours after Newcastle had indicated that their three-week search for a new manager had reached a satisfactory conclusion, Gordon McKeag, their chairman, who had been spearheading the nationwide hunt, found himself reluctantly stepping back into square one.

Hay had travelled down to Newcastle on Monday for exploratory talks with McKeag and his fellow directors and was expected to return yesterday morning to complete a few minor formalities.

After his meeting with Hay, McKeag had declined to qualify the terms of any agreement which had been provisionally reached, but in the wake of yesterday's inactivity on two fronts it became clear that the job on offer at St James' Park was not a permanent one.

After careful consideration Hay decided to turn down a package identical to the one rejected last week by Bob Paisley, the former manager of Liverpool.

Paisley, who is a director at Anfield, was invited to take over in a caretaker capacity until the end of the season, when Newcastle would make a fresh approach to one, or possibly more, of the men who have already resisted the temptation of a long-term and financially lucrative contract.

Since the Newcastle board ended the contract of McFaul, they have approached no fewer than eight managers in their search for a successor with the necessary charisma and experience to undertake one of the most demanding jobs in British football.

Arthur Cox, the manager of Derby County who was formerly in charge at Newcastle, was McKeag's first choice but the chairman was refused permission to approach him.

After failing to secure Cox, McKeag attempted to persuade Howard Kendall to leave the Spanish club, Athletic Bilbao, where he has been in charge for the past 18 months. The Newcastle chairman flew out to Spain for talks with Kendall but the former Everton manager insisted that he would not be returning to English football in the foreseeable future.

However, since that meeting a fortnight ago, Kendall has come under increasing pressure at Bilbao after a series of poor results and there is good reason to believe that he may decide to resign at the end of the season, if not before it.

This dramatic change in Kendall's fortunes undoubtedly influenced to a great degree McKeag's decision to offer Hay only a temporary appointment.

● Ron Atkinson's successor as manager of West Bromwich Albion, who is expected to be Brian Talbot, formerly of Arsenal, will be announced today. Under Talbot's guidance as caretaker manager the second division side has won its last four games.

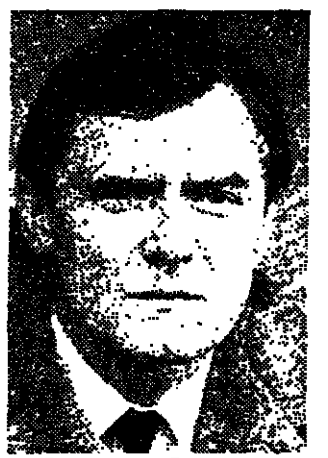
● Chesterfield are to finance a double managerial appointment today. Barrie Hubbard, their chairman, referring to Kevin Randall's replacement, said: "We believe it is a two-man job." He would neither confirm nor deny that the partnership involved John Newman, formerly of Derby County, and Paul Hart, formerly of Nottingham Forest.

● Middlesbrough completed the £700,000 transfer of Peter Davenport, the Manchester United forward. Aged 27, Davenport has signed a four-year contract for the north-east club.

● Jason Kearton, an Australian who flew to England at his own expense to try to make it in British football, has signed a professional contract with Everton. Seven weeks ago the former Brisbane Lions goalkeeper, aged 19, walked into Goodison Park and asked for a trial.

Ron Green, the Wimbledon goalkeeper who has kept five clean sheets in seven appearances since joining Shrewsbury Town on loan, is to stay at Gay Meadow for a further month.

● ROME: Roma, the Italian first division club, will appeal against a European Football Union (UEFA) decision to uphold the result of their UEFA Cup tie at Partizan Belgrade last week (Reuter reports).


Hay: not for St James'

Argentina invited to Rous Cup

By Clive White

The Football Association has gone ahead with its plan to invite Argentina to compete in the Rous Cup in May in spite of Government objections. A year ago the FA scrapped the idea when the Prime Minister frowned on it.

Argentina's inclusion in the annual competition involving England, Scotland and an invited guest will be the first time a football team from that country has played in Britain since the Falklands war in 1982. A spokesman for the FA said yesterday that they expected a reply shortly.

"It is our aim to find top-class opposition for this event, and Argentina, as world champions, fit the bill," the FA spokesman said. When the Government voiced its disapproval of the idea last season, the FA switched the attention to Colombia. But although the South Americans proved to be entertaining visitors, they attracted poor crowds.

At a meeting with the Prime Minister in July, the FA volunteered to cancel the match against Italy this month and are now having to travel to Saudi Arabia for a game instead. Clearly the FA has taken the decision to invite Argentina in order to assist Bobby Robson, the England manager. England are in desperate need of top quality opposition to help them qualify for the World Cup finals in 1990.

Platini linked to manager's role

Michel Platini is to become the manager of the French football team, replacing Henri Michel, according to the French radio station, *France Info*.

Platini, aged 33, retired from playing last year after a successful career with Nancy, St Etienne and Juventus. He also led France to the European Championship in 1984.

***France Info* reported that Jean Fournet-Fayard, the president of the French Football Federation, told Michel of his dimissal yesterday, having earlier met Platini.**

Jean Dadoul, the president of the French league, declined to comment other than to say that nothing had yet been decided. Platini said he would announce his plans on Friday.

The president of Bordeaux, Claude Bez, is expected to become the national team director. Bez is believed to have been instrumental in persuading Platini to accept the post. Gerard Houllier, a former manager of Paris Saint-Germain, is expected to become assistant manager and Jean Tigana, of Bordeaux, will captain the team. Tigana, aged 33, said last year, after winning his 51st cap, that he no longer wished to be considered for the French team but he has had a good season with his club this year.

Michel's position has been in jeopardy following a series of disappointing international results which culminated in a 1-1 draw with Cyprus in a World Cup qualifying match last month. Despite this, France have not been beaten for nearly a year, having won four and drawn four in that period.

Michel has also been involved in a widely-publicized dispute with one of the most promising French players, Eric Cantona, of Olympique Marseille, who has been suspended from the international team because of remarks he made about Michel.

Go-ahead for cup ties

Woking and Stafford Rangers were given approval by the police yesterday to stage their FA Cup first-round ties against Football League opponents later this month (Paul Newman writes).

An attendance limit of 5,000 has been imposed for Woking's match against Cambridge United; Stafford's tie against Crewe Alexandra will be all-ticket, with a crowd limit of 6,000.

Southport hope to confirm today that they will be able to stage their first-round match against Port Vale. A meeting yesterday with police, council and fire officials concluded that improvements will have to be made to exit, entrances, seating and perimeter walls, but the club believes these can be carried out in time. The match is likely to be all-ticket, with a crowd limit of about 7,000.

Mitchell's title bout given the all-clear

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The bout between Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, the World Boxing Association super featherweight champion, and Jim McDonnell, of Britain, which has been bedevilled by protests, is to go ahead after all at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre tonight, Southwark Council decided yesterday.

There had been fears the bout would be stopped after members of the National Union of Public Employees told Southwark Council that they would walk out in protest if a South African was allowed to box at the Leisure Centre.

But, after a hurriedly called meeting, the council decided that in view of the fact that a High Court injunction had been granted to the promoters last week against the council itself, which wanted to stop the bout, the show should go on.

NUPE members will not be expected to work and arrangements will be made by managerial staff on the council. John Anderson, Southwark's director of leisure and recreation, who is also the coach of Liz McColgan, the Olympic runner, has been put in charge of operations.

Brian Martin, the Press officer of the council, said: "We would be in contempt of court if this fight did not go on."

● The Anti-Apartheid Movement and the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee announced last night that they planned to hold a demonstration against the bout outside the centre this evening.

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Southampton face cheerful underdogs

Wet warm-up: Scarborough's Blackwell (left), Short and Norris wind up training for tonight's match against Southampton

Scarborough fear worst in cup

Scarborough, of the fourth division, fear the worst when they take on Southampton in the third round of the Littlewoods Cup at their tiny Seamer Road ground tonight.

Neil Warnock, the manager, gives them little genuine hope of reaching the last 16 in the competition. But he promises his side will play the sort of attacking, fluent football which accounted for Portsmouth in the previous round on a 4-2 aggregate.

"We don't know how to play any other way and are simply not capable of shutting up shop," Warnock said. "We will try and go at them but if we lose 10-0, so what, I'll be more content with three points at Carlisle on Saturday."

Warnock has not seen or had Southampton watched and has gained all his intelligence about the side, sixth in the first division, from viewing video tapes.

Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manager, has closely studied Scarborough in each of their three games since the draw was made and his team will have a further advantage with the North Yorkshire club sustaining injuries to Graham (groin), Brook (shin), Richards and Kamara (ankles) in the victory over Rotherham United at the weekend.

"Clearly we want to show people we've come a long way in a short time and I hope the game is not a damp squib," Warnock, who gave up his chiropody practice to manage the club full time after finishing 12th last seaon, said.

"But we will have to frame ourselves or we'll get a drubbing against this sort of side which takes advantage of every mistake. Even if we are beaten we will have learned another lesson."

Scarborough, who only budgeted for one game in the competition, expect another big crowd after their biggest gate last Saturday, and Warnock expects at least three of his injured players to start the game, highlights of which will be seen on television tonight. Much interest will focus on Craig Short, aged 20, the tall, strong centre back who has been impressive in his first season.

"He's growing up with every game and he could be good enough for the first division in six months or so," Warnock, who is secretly hoping for a better result than his pessimism might indicate, said.

Taylor sets himself dual target

By Dennis Shaw

Victory for Aston Villa over Millwall at Villa Park tonight means more for Graham Taylor, their manager, than mere short-term satisfaction. Taylor's self-appraisal in terms of his managerial record is that he has to win a major trophy to live up to the billing he often receives.

It is 10 years since Taylor won a trophy, and that was the fourth division championship at Watford. "When people say good things about me as a manager I often point out to them that all I have to show for it is two fourth division championships," he said.

"True you can't always measure achievement by medals and trophies but it would be nice to win something again."

Taylor's decision to leave Vicarage Road 18 months ago was prompted partly by a desire to prove himself at a major club. "At the start of this season I said that if I could be granted two wishes they would be to re-establish Villa as a top 10 club again and to take them to Wembley and win one of the cups."

Part of this two-pronged ambition is on its way to being realized judging by the club's league position. A Littlewoods Cup would satisfy his other wish.

"Villa have a good record in the League Cup," he added. "It could be a good omen for me."

Tonight's team has not yet been selected. Stuart Gray has an ankle injury while his namesake, Andy, is available after suspension.

Pleasing draw ensures early exit of Liverpool or Arsenal

Much to the relief of managers the length and breadth of the country, the draw for the third round of the Littlewoods Cup guaranteed that one of the two clubs which have dominated the competition in its various guises over the past decade would face an ignominious early exit.

While the pairing of Liverpool, the Football League champions, and Arsenal, last season's beaten finalists, will not have been welcomed at tonight's venue, Anfield, nor at Highbury, the random element of chance did at least produce a tie of limitless potential.

Liverpool, who were installed as the favourites to win every one of English football's major domestic trophies before the season had started, have a remarkable record in the competition, winning it on four consecutive occasions between 1981-84.

Arsenal, beaten in injury time by Luton Town last season, had won the Littlewoods Cup 12 months earlier, when they came from behind to defeat tonight's opponents.

Of the four league games played at Anfield this season, Liverpool have won only one, defeating Manchester United in early September.

Indeed, Liverpool's victory over West Ham United at Upton Park on Saturday was their first in five league outings, but if Kenny Dalglish, the champions' manager, had been hoping the result marked a welcome change in fortune, he had obviously not legislated for yet more injury problems.

Already without Hansen, Grobbelaar, Gillespie, and Beglin, Dalglish yesteday pronounced Whelan as a doubtful starter for tonight's game.

McMahon, the England international, has been drafted into the senior squad.

Dalglish will also have to implement another defensive reshuffle as Burrows, a recent acquisition, from West Bromwich Albion, is cup-tied.

He could be replaced at full back by the inexperienced Staunton, who is included in a 15-strong party, along with MacDonald and Jeffers.

Donaghy, the Northern Ireland international defender, who joined Manchester United from Luton last week, will miss the game against Wimbledon at Plough Lane as he is cup-tied. His place alongside Bruce at the centre of defence will almost certainly go to Garton.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has added Sharpe, Anderson, and Beardsmore, to the squad which was on duty at Everton on Sunday.

Sheridan, the Leeds United and Republic of Ireland international, is likely to play against Luton, the holders, at Elland Road, despite injuring an ankle during the weekend win over Hull City.

Clough mourns lost support

By Dennis Shaw

Brian Clough's uneasy relationship with the Nottingham public will take a turn for the worse unless there is a healthy turn-out for Coventry's Littlewoods Cup visit tonight and subsequent fixtures.

The Forest manager has already this season been angered by supporters' verbal impatience with the wingers, Crosbie and Rice. Now his grievance is with attendances which, he feels, should constantly be above 20,000.

Last week's gate of nearly 30,000 for the Liverpool game was an indication of what Clough sees as the potential support as he attempts to build a young side capable of winning honours. This figure contrasted with other attendances this season of little more than half that amount.

"If we cannot pull them in now, the way we are playing, I will despair completely," he said. "I cannot understand why people do not regularly come and support us in greater numbers.

"I know we have not set the world on fire with our performances at home overall, but we did put together a good display in beating Liverpool so hopefully we can keep that going and the crowds will turn up."

● Paul Hart, the Notts County player-coach, is expected to become the player-manager of Chesterfield in succession to Kevin Randall who left recently.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Douglas declines

Desmond Douglas has confirmed that he will not help England's table tennis promotion push in the European league this season. "I'm 32 now and although the season isn't halfway through, I'm already tired," he said.

"I think it's time the younger players took responsibility for the European league matches."

Mario Andretti: signed up

Moving on

John Davies, the Sports Council's assistant director of national sports centres, has been appointed as the new director of Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham, the national water sports centre. He will take up his post in January, replacing Dennis Rodgers, who will move to the Sports Council's centre services unit

Scottish squad

Scotland, the only British side to have won a world cup medal, has selected a squad of 20, led by Karen Donaldson, for the third women's lacrosse world cup in Perth, Australia next August.

SQUAD: K Barber, D Boothman, J Campbell, H Cohu, C Dawes, K Doig, K Donaldson, J Duckett, S Fowler, A Gibb, J Graham, V Houston, M McDonagh, G Marshall, H Picton, M Pollock, S Ponsford, J Wilson, L Wilkie, B Williamson.

Togetherness

Troy, Michigan (AFP) — Mario and Michael Andretti have been signed by the K-Mart Corporation as a rare father-and-son racing team, and will compete in the 1989 championship auto-racing teams (CART) series of Indy-car races.

Coach sacked

Mark Saiers, the American-born coach of the A and B Solent Stars Basketball Club was sacked yesterday. He led the team to the quarter-finals of the play-offs last season, but the team has managed only one victory this term. Phil Smith is likely to take over as player-coach.

Stepping up

Steve Webster, the world sidecar racing champion, makes his trucking debut in the international truck racing festival at Donington Park this weekend.

Graf's Cup blow for German team hopes

Frankfurt (AP) — Steffi Graf, the grand slam winner, announced yesterday that she was pulling out of the Federation Cup in Australia next month, thus reducing West Germany's chances of defending the top title in women's team tennis.

Claus Stauder, president of the West German Tennis Federation, said he was told by Graf's father and manager, Peter Graf, that his daughter was dropping out because she needed rest after a crowded 1988 tournament schedule.

The mass-circulation *Bild* newspaper said yesterday that Graf also wanted to spend Christmas at home with her family.

The Federation Cup is scheduled for December 5 to 11 in Melbourne. Led by Graf, the top-ranked woman player in the world, West Germany beat the United States in last year's final.

Graf, who added an Olympic gold medal to her Grand Slam sweep this year, told *Bild* she wanted to rest at home between playing at the Masters tournament in New York at the end of November and travelling to Australia for the Open, the first grand slam event of 1989.

"I would have liked to play in the Federation Cup but it falls at such a bad date," Graf said. "Playing in the Federation Cup would mean I'd be away from home for nine weeks, including Christmas."

Graf's withdrawal leaves Claudia Kohde-Kilsch as the top West Germany player in the Federation Cup.

Cash prize boost

Organizers of the Paris Open tennis grand prix are to increase the prize money substantially next year

END COLUMN

Road to riches produces poverty

From Pat Butcher
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The crisis in American men's marathon running continues, and the success of the United States track and field athletes in the Seoul Olympics — 13 gold medals — has made the problem even more acute.

Mark Nenow, the American record holder for 10,000 metres who is making his debut at the marathon in New York on Sunday, has become the running equivalent of the Great White Hope. For, since Alberto Salazar's four-year domination of the New York and Boston marathons came to an end in 1982, Americans have been swamped by a wave of foreign winners, including Britons, Italians, Kenyans, Djiboutians, Japanese and, now, Mexicans, in Chicago last Sunday, when Alejandro Cruz won. The first American was sixteenth.

Mike O'Reilly has a theory. It is neither imaginative nor new. O'Reilly, the Brit who finished fifth in Chicago, says: "Americans are too soft. They just don't train hard enough." O'Reilly is part of group of exiles, including the Commonwealth champion, Rob de Castella, who train at altitude in Boulder, Colorado. According to O'Reilly: "There's not one American who'll train with us. They come along once, get burned off, and we never see them again."

O'Reilly gave substance to a theory which has a lot of believers among marathon coaches: like with boxing, you need to have come from a hard background to succeed. Back in Britain, O'Reilly was a welder, with an evening and weekend driving job.

The root cause of the Americans' problem is that, unlike in Britain, there is still no solid local club system. The other problem is money — too much of it, would you believe?

Nenow: America's hope

Bob Bright, the Chicago race director, says: "There's too much money available for shorter road races. If people think they can pick up a couple of thousand dollars every week in a 10k, they'll run 10ks. There's no long-term perspective, like among the Europeans. They'll target a marathon, and, likely as not, do well in it."

Yet, for all his criticism, Bright followed the lead of 10-kilometre race directors, and introduced incentives for home runners.

"The only thing that I hope," Bright said in his defence, "is that it will persuade Americans to run fewer 10ks, and peak for marathons."

"Not a hope," O'Reilly says. "It's the start of the downward spiral. If it goes any further, foreigners will be put off racing in the US. Americans will win, but with poor performances. Standards will stagnate and the sponsors will pull out, and it'll set the sport back years."

O'Reilly has done what the previous immigrants had to do — work hard for his success. He was only a "journeyman" cross-country runner four years ago, before he chanced his legs on the road circuit in the United States.

His sporting life was on a knife-edge straightaway. "Within two weeks of getting to Boulder, we were down to $800. It was make or break. I went to my first race, a 10k in South Carolina, and I won $1,000."

O'Reilly has barely looked back since. His best purse was $20,000 for winning the Columbus marathon in 1985, his 2hr 11min 50sec in Chicago a personal best. He returned home to London on Monday for the winter, and is looking to even better things next year.

"I'm never going to break a world record, but I reckon I can run 2hr 09min for the marathon. I think the reason I've done so well in the States is that I was always tired from my job in England. It *is* hard when everything you earn is what you win in races. But that's where the Americans fall down. They get complacent too easily. I know what the alternative is: the factory!"

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